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人間じゃないかもしれない…

●極楽度∞・超絶変オカルトファンタジー、圧倒的な衝動とともに…開・幕!!

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I might not be human?

drag
drag
drag
drag
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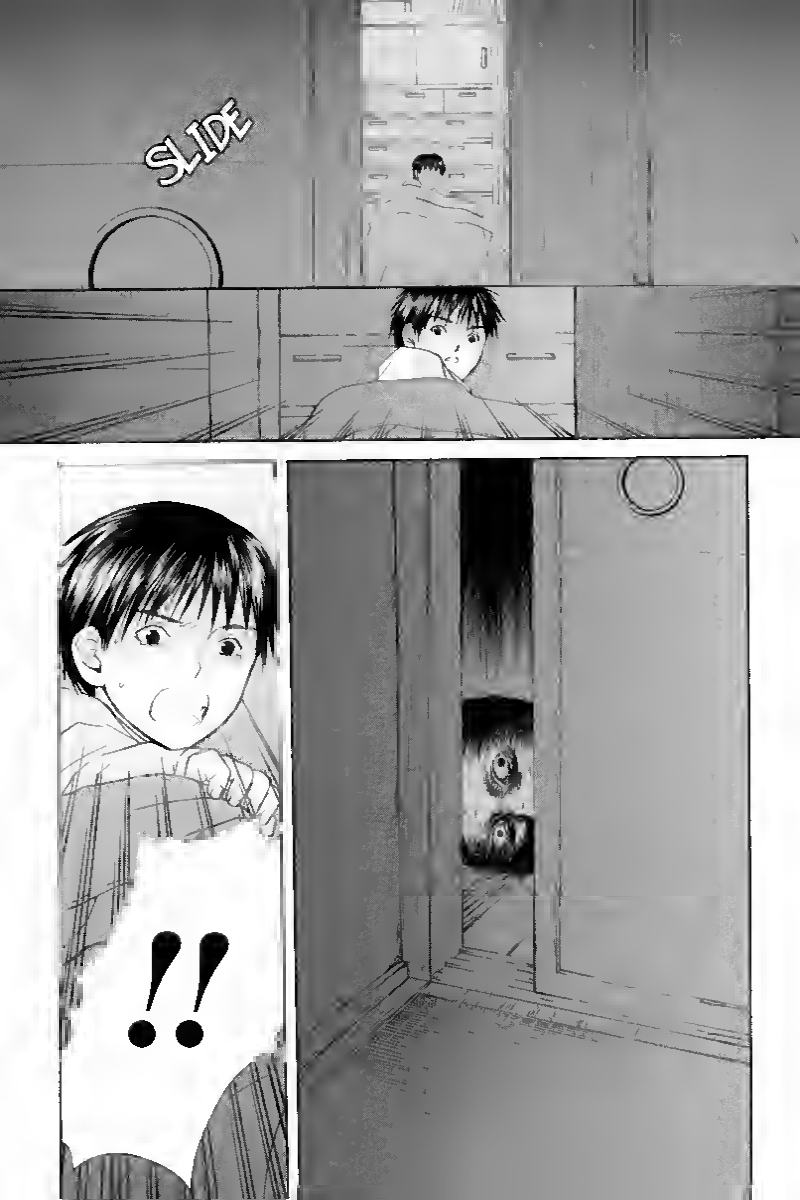
drag
drag
STOP
drag


SLIDE
!!

But...
What are you talking about? There are no ghosts.
SWISH
Mama! Wake up!
There are ghosts!
Mama! Help me!
There's a ghost— with lots of faces!
Save me!
!!
WAAAAA!!
Ken-shou!?

SWOOSH!
Smooth
It's alright. I've chased them away.

Waaa—
Waaah
What is it?
Sensei, Murakami-kun said there are ghosts.
Kenshou-kun! Please don't try to scare the other children!
But, I'm not trying to scare anyone.
You've said enough already!!
There are a lot of people peeking through those holes over there.
ROLL
They are becoming frightened of him.
Kenshou is saying things that make the other children uncomfortable.
Yes?
Murakami-san, please wait a moment.
PAT
!
Could you please take him in for a psycho-logical examination ...

Ah—
Now I remember...
I've seen that hand... The person dressed in a kimono...

A FEW DAYS AGO, I WAS SHOT.
I REALIZED THAT I WAS LYING IN A HOSPITAL BED, AND IN FRONT OF MY EYES WERE
I wish that guy in my house would get married soon, too!
O geez, he really needs to get a wife soon.
Mother already helped you tidy it a bit.
Kenshou, your room can't get any dirtier!
Relatives from my mother's side of the family!
Why not? Do you have someone better in mind?
Don't talk nonsense. She's only three years old!
Oh, then how about my great-grand-daughter?
Crowd noise
Crowd noise
Sound
Don't be talking nonsense! She is only three!
That's right. How about my great-grand-daughter?
Aww, he should really get married soon!
Sound
It continued for 5 hours... Just like that...
Then do you have someone better in mind?
Crowd noise
Crowd noise

I should get going now.
I will come and visit again this weekend.
Um?
Oh,
Mom, I want to ask you something...
When I was little, did I ever mention that I could see ghosts?
I can't quite remember it anymore.
Why are you asking so suddenly?
Yes, back then you often cried because you saw ghosts.
You also said there was a man dressed in a white kimono who always protected you.
Rattle
It was very lucky
that you weren't injured more seriously.
The bullet completely missed your vital organs and passed straight through your body.
It really seems like there was a protector.
You should be very grateful.

Back then, did I...
make you very uncomfortable?
You were my son.
Why would I have been uncomfortable?
If you said there were ghosts, then I believed there might have been ghosts.
I knew you very well. My son wasn't someone who enjoyed telling lies.
Besides, I had an idea
who the man dressed in the kimono was.
He must have been your great-grandfather, my grandfather.
He passed away at a very young age.
Apparently, he was famous for his spirit power.
He resurrected a drowned person,
saved everyone by foretelling a flood,
and was able to let people talk with the dead.

I might not be human?

Hi!
Miya-san.
Hmm.
I tried really hard to contact you by telepathy, but I got no response, so I came to look for you.
I can hear Murakami-san's voice.
What do you mean? Your response level varies from person to person?
You can't hear it when I call you?
But, you can hear Murakami through the power of love?
BLUSH
Uwaaaa!!
Are you serious?

gashan
That moronic detective got himself hospitalized;
let's go visit him.
Seriously! It's really dangerous because of you!
Put it in here!
Here?
.....
?
Doesn't even know how to use the automatic ticket checking gates...
Sigh
Am I really strange?
Will I be despised because I am not a normal person?
Eh?
THE DOORS WILL BE CLOSING SOON!

AH!
I'll wait for you at the next station!
Ma—
Maki-chan!
ガタン
ゴトン
ゴトン
ゴトン

Sign: Police Hospital
警察病
Then...
We were separated just like that.
What the hell do you want me to do?!
I can't even breathing move!
You can try calling her using telepathy; she just might come.
She seemed really depressed.

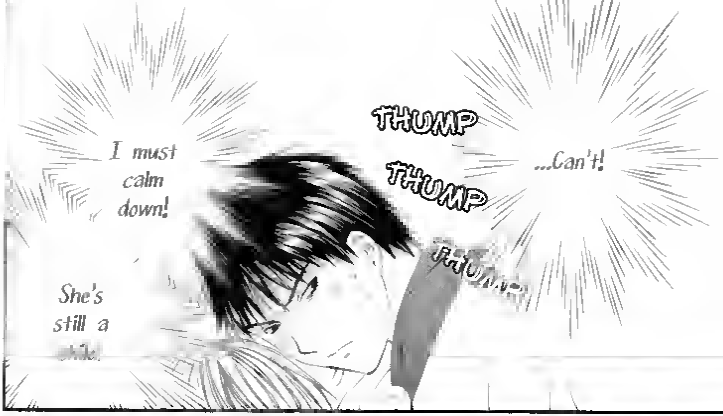
I might not be human.
Maki...
I've looked everywhere, even back at her hospital...
If she didn't come here, then...
SWISH
I will go back to Maki's hospital and look one more time.

Miya-chan.
Fwish
You can go home now.
laughed at her
Why are you saying that?
sneak
sneak
How long are you going to hide over there?
Maki-chan.

I saw the person behind me when I lost consciousness.
I saw him many times when I was young.
He really did look a lot like me.
Rustle
So there are such unbelievable things...
What's this rustling noise?
Eh?

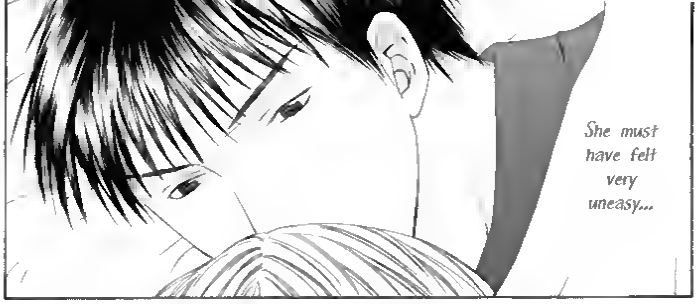
!!
Maki-chan! Don't do this!
SHARP PAIN
IT HURTS!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
Step
Step
Step
Ah!
Shit! The nurse is coming around to check on the patients!

step
step
RATTLE
step
step
RATTLE
No abnormal signs.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


I must calm down!
She's still a
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...Can't!

She's like a child who needs to be comforted.
GENTLE
Maki must have felt really disturbed because she didn't have anyone to depend on.

BREATH



Unhurt by a bullet passing through her body.

Murakami-san.
Ah!

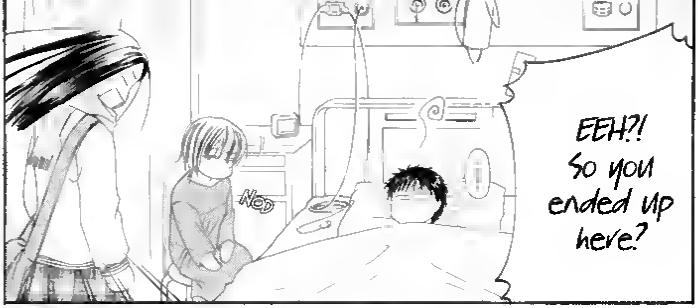
squeeze
THUMP
Ma—
Maki...
What?
THUMP

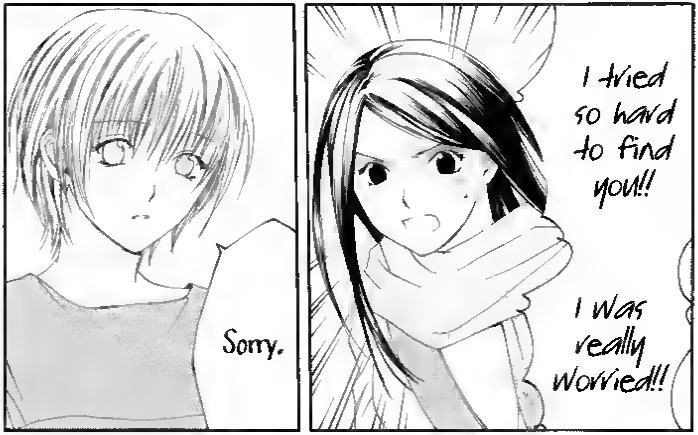
ドキドキ
Uwaaaa!!
ドキドキ
No!! Don't!! This is bad!

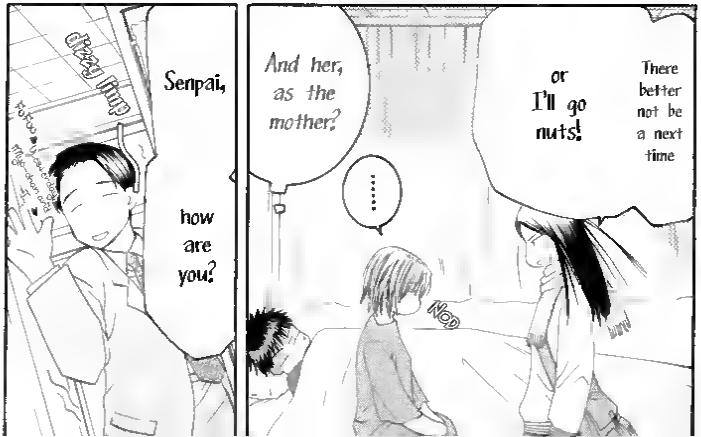
!
BREATH
Ha...
Ha...
BREATH
BREATH

I totally lost to her.
SULK
The love that Maki spoke of must be the love between siblings, right?
Or is it the love towards one's parents.
Could it be that she thinks of me as her father?

Phew
洞 吹


EEH?! So you ended up here?
Nod


Sorry.
I tried so hard to find you!!
I was really worried!!


Senpai, how are you?
Chu Kiss
And her, as the mother?
.....
Nod
or I'll go nuts!
There better not be a next time

And him, the useless brother that will never grow up?
Eek
PAF
You increased your debt by another 200,000 yen!
NOT TO MENTION THAT HE GOT TRANS-FERRED.
Senpai, you have to hang in there!
ONE MONTH LATER, MURAKAMI WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL. HE HAD TO PAY THE 400,000 ¥ BILL HIMSELF.

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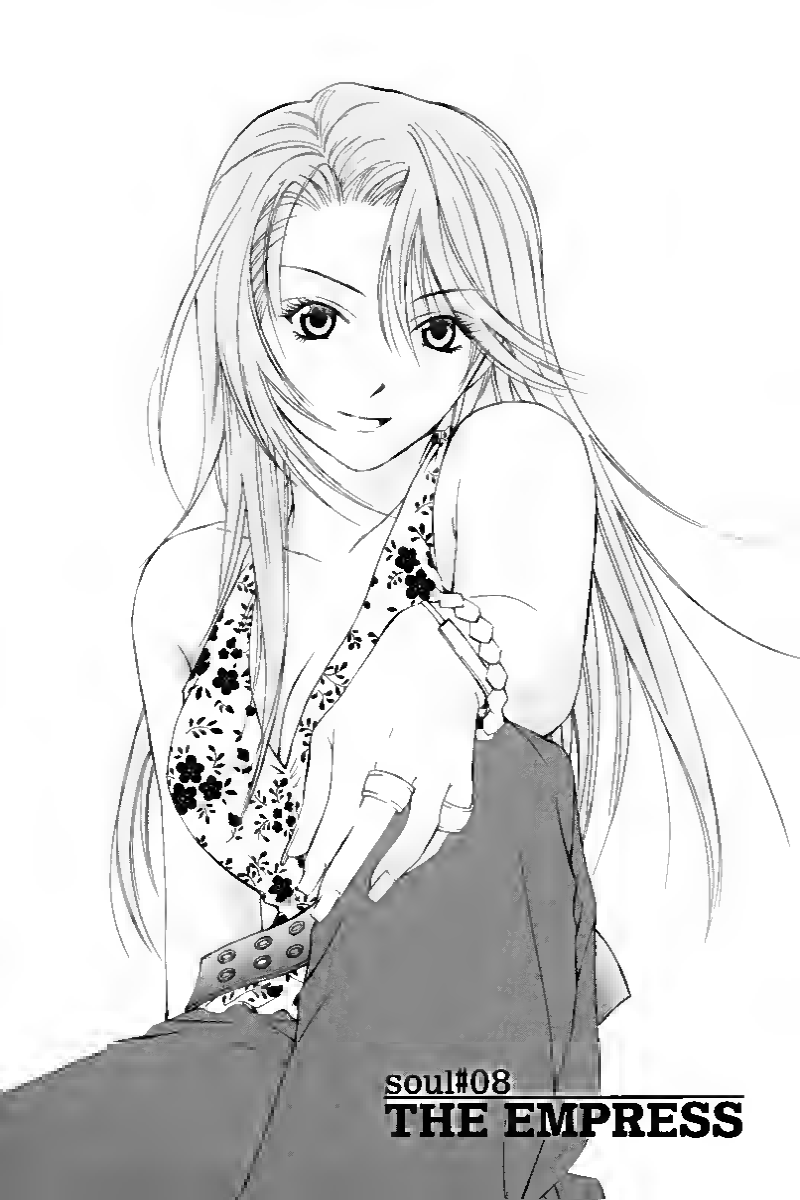
So stylish!
It suits you perfectly!
You think so?
Okay, I'll take this one.



soul#08
THE EMPRESS

Ha...
transferred again.
Even if it's an investigation unit, we aren't sure what our assignment will be.
Who knows, it might just be detention duty.
But Senpai,
it's an investigation unit this time.
Moron,
you're so carefree.
Senpai, look! It's a hot chick!
wow!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
Ooh!
Wait.
Yes...
Let's go.
HALT

?
oh
THUMP
THUMP
Are you talking to us?
TURNS AROUND
The one with the glasses.
Not you.
Eh?
What's your name?
So it's like this...
STARE
Me?
I am Murakami.

Long time no see...
Um... May I ask, what do you mean by that?
Huh?
CLICK
CLICK
?
Seiichirou -san.
CLICK
it doesn't matter. We'll meet again sooner or later.
Oh well,
Acting like you don't know me, huh.

*note: in Japanese, written as 帝国 kan

IMPERIAL AGENTS
BAM
DON'T SAY ANY MORE! PLEASE, NO MORE!!
And, he's drinking tea!!
SENPAI! A GRAY! ALIEN! THERE'S A GRAY ALIEN INSIDE!!
YahhhAHhh!!!

*note: In Japanese he says "o miya" —> お宮

By the way,
I've heard all about you guys. Please, take a seat.
THUD
THUD
Written wrong...
So the sign was written wrong this is really the "Imperial Palace" Unit
I am Deputy Inspector Hashi.
And this is Officer Foriga.
I was right this thing's cursed!
mutter
mutter
mutter
He is Officer Taira.
SIP
SIP
As you might have noticed, we investigate cases involving spirits and the supernatural.
BAM
FOTIP
mutter
mutter
May I ask what kind of work this unit does?
This person seems to be the most normal of the bunch.

This is a cursed wrench.
Merely holding it causes a person to attack with murderous intent.
It ends when the person commits suicide.
SWISH
SWISH
WA!
SWISH
I am currently investigating how this cursed wrench
can make its wielder do such things.
So so scary!
This person is terrifying!
enraptured
Actually, this unit has a very long history.
Back when the Emperor was considered a god,
people with spiritual or supernatural powers were thought to be a danger to domestic peace and were eliminated by the police...
The mission of this unit has always been to seek out these people and determine if their powers are real.
RHEUMATISM

But as you can see,
this place is now just a dumping ground for troublesome people.
RUN RUN RUN
BWM
Waahhhhh!!!!
Every person who has transferred to this division has resigned within the first couple of months.
IT appeared again!
I can't take this any more!!
RUN RUN RUN
Hey, Toriga,
don't forget to turn in your resignation form.
Trouble-some people...
ahh
App...
Appeared?
What appeared?
I can't take this anymore
Cases which can't be solved using normal police methods are sent here.
enraptured
The majority of them don't even have a suspect.
But even if we know the criminal is a spirit, we can't prove it. We can never receive credit for solving these cases.
You guys can start on any file here,
but I guarantee you won't be successful.
SWISH

So we asked Doctor Tomochika to let us use this place.
We don't want to hang around at our new unit right now...
Maki-chan, can you help us with something? We're not getting anywhere...

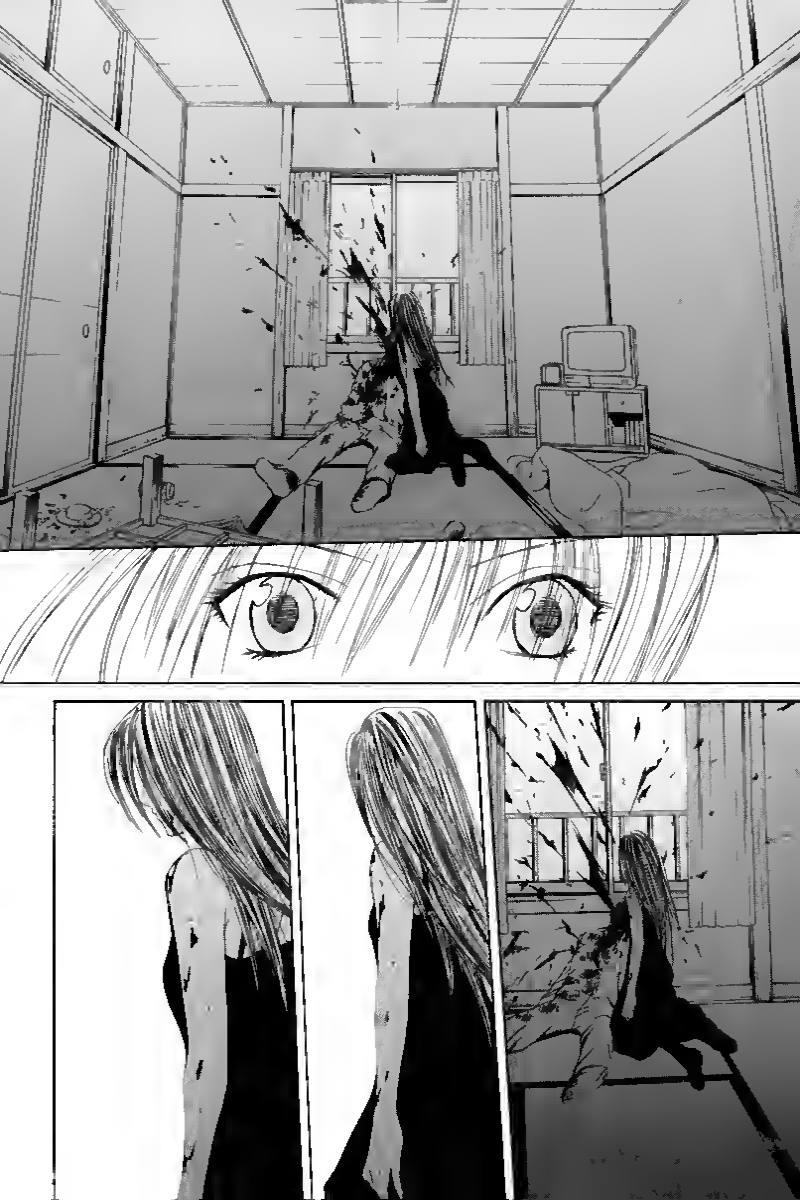
Hi.
Hi.
Murakami-san, Nakabayashi-san, why are you here?

Look
This case is suicide.
This one... was done by a spirit.
A very strong spirit ate the soul of the victim.
This one, also.
This suicide was because of a failed relationship.
that's enough.
this is Kenshou's problem,
he must solve it on his own.
In addition, using spirit-sight is risky.
The person behind...

Ah,
I remember
this case.

His
head was
completely
backwards.
He was
found in
a secret
room with
his neck
twisted 180
degrees.
RUSTLE
10 years ago,
an escaped
criminal broke his
neck and died.

how about
this one?
Maki-
chan,

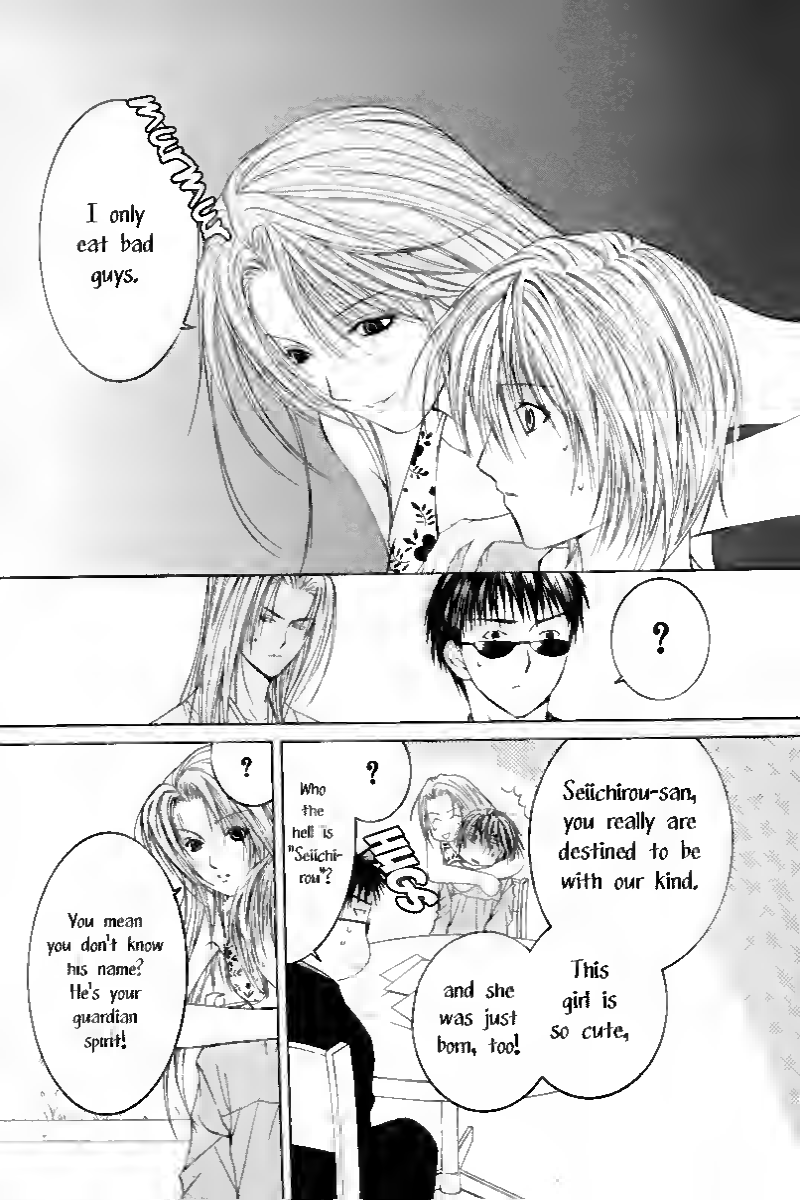


SHARP PAIN
!!
Maki?
What is it?

Was I noticed?
Hi, guys.

Your spirit-sight is really lousy.
FWIP
Miss♡
I
Why are you here?
SHOCK
?
You're that person from before...

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
.....?
TWIST
My name is Natsu.
Ma-ki-chan, don't be afraid. It's okay.


MUMMUR
I only eat bad guys.
?
Seiichirou-san, you really are destined to be with our kind.
?
Who the hell is "Seiichirou"?
HICS
This girl is so cute,
and she was just born, too!
?
You mean you don't know his name? He's your guardian spirit!

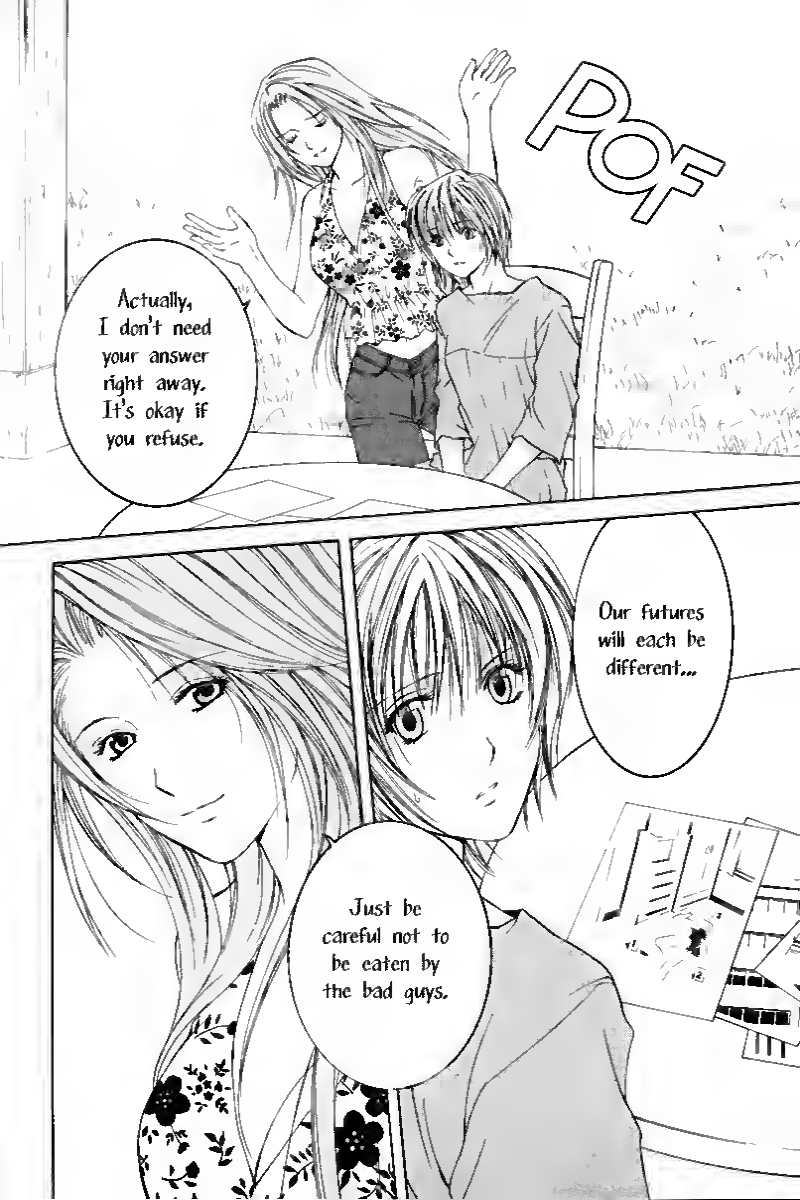
Guardian spirit?
Your spirit power is supposed to be really strong.
What happened to you? You really can't see him?
Ah
so that's why.
Sei-chan must have...
sealed your powers.
This kind of thing is so hard to explain.
SWISH
Let me just unseal his power then.
?
stop!

CRA—SH
!!
Murakami-san?
He'll be fine.

!!
THUD
Senpai!!
Ugh...
What the hell just happened...?
natsu!

Aw, don't be angry.
We haven't seen each other for 50 years.
Besides, what can you do in your current state?
The most you can probably do is protect him.

Maki-chan.
WHOOSH
Do you want to come with me?
natsu!! stop it!!
gets up
?
You should know that we are the same kind.
na...
PASSING THROUGH
Pu...
What a cute reaction.


POF
Actually, I don't need your answer right away. It's okay if you refuse.
Our futures will each be different...
Just be careful not to be eaten by the bad guys.

Aww, your great-grandson is so freaked out...
I'll come back some other time.
sen-pai?
sen-pai?
aaahh!
Bye bye.
TURNING

SWOOSH
!!!

Senpai! Senpai!!
WOBBLE
I can't take this anymore
?
Great-grand-father?

ah.
.....
Senpai!
Senpai!
NOT ONLY CAN I SEE SPIRITS, I CAN HEAR THEIR VOICES, TOO!
AAAAA!

Who was that person?
Yaaa!
natsu.
we haven't seen each other for 50 years.
she is still alive,
but what's strange is that she looks exactly the same as she did 50 years ago.

AH~~ There are people floating in the sky!
Spirits...
I can see them...
Maki-chan...
We are the same now.
He said he doesn't feel too good.
SIT
SIT
SIT
SWISH
SWISH
Where's Detective Murakami?

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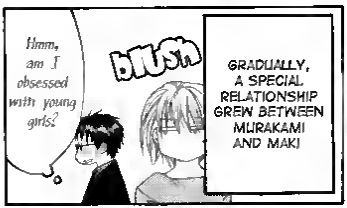
soul#09
THE SUN

MET THE MYSTERIOUS AND UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG GIRL, MAKI (TEMPORARY NAME).
I can see spirits.
DETECTIVE MURAKAMI KENSHOU (FIRST INVESTIGATION UNIT), WHILE WORKING ON A CASE,
sobbing



IN ADDITION, SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A SHADOW... SHE MIGHT NOT BE HUMAN
Teleported to here
from here
MURAKAMI DISCOVERED THAT MAKI POSSESSED SPIRIT POWERS, INCLUDING TELEPATHY AND TELEPORTATION

That is what this story is about.
HOW WILL THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MURAKAMI AND MAKI DEVELOP FROM THIS POINT ON? IS MAKI REALLY A HUMAN BEING? WHAT WILL MURAKAMI DO NOW THAT HE CAN SEE SPIRITS?

Ihee Ihee
AND BROKE MURAKAMI'S SEAL, THEREBY ALLOWING HIM TO SEE SPIRITS
RECENTLY, A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN NAMED NATSU APPEARED. SHE POSSESSED THE SAME ABILITIES AS MAKI.
YOU'RE MY GUARDIAN SPIRIT?!
.....

soul#09
THE SUN

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
Open this!
Somebody heard!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
BAM
BAM
Help us!!
What is it, Senpai?
Nakabayashi, open the trunk.
Huh?
don't open it.
CREE

But those are the voices of children.
I can't just ignore them.
you shouldn't look.
Someone come here!
BAM
BAM
BAM
Help us open it!
THUMP

Senpai, are you alright?
Baf
What did you see this time?
confused
Huff..
Huff..
Don't worry about me. You should hurry to work.
Go on ahead of me or you'll get fired.
I'll get there when I can.
Senpai
Okay.
I'll call you later then.
Ah... it's so much more peaceful in places where there are a lot of trees.
you have to ignore things like what just happened.
you'll go insane if you pay attention to each and every one of them.

I have to kill you!
I don't want to die!
The train will be arriving at the station soon. Please stay behind the white line.
help!
ゴォォ
ゴォォ
ゴォォ
ゴォォ

don't look!
Waaah!
!!

What the?
That person...
So freaky...
Is he on drugs?
Ignore it.
Kenshou,
that was an illusion.
Wahhh!
ROLL
ROLL
BOM
Kenshou-kun.

That spirit I saw at the station...
Reminds me of a girl I used to know.
SLUMP
warm
Where is this place?
Murakami-san?

Maki-chan.
Are you okay?
This place is so peaceful and comfortable.
I want to be hospitalized, too.
exhausted
I can't go where there are a lot of people.
I haven't been to the police station for 4 days now.
Maki-chan, you're used to seeing all those things,
but for me it's very upsetting.
They are not all bad guys.
A girl who talked to me yesterday taught me something nice.
What?
?

Please put your head here.
This way, even if you are sad or depressed, you will quickly recover.
serious
HEY HEY
.....
What she's saying might be true, but...
No....
hmm
Murakami-san, go ahead!!
Please, go ahead!!
.....
...so easily embarrassed.

SMILE

Do you feel better?
Hmm, yes.
Thank you.
Do you mind if I sleep a bit?
I haven't been able to get any rest lately.
Sure.

breathe
breathe
breathe
kenshou-kun.

Kenshou-kun,
do you want to play?
Yeah!
The place behind the shrine is really dangerous. Let's not go there.
Don't worry. It's fun 'cause it's so dark.
Hmm.
!
You can't go...
Don't...

*note: Occhan is a Japanese term referring to a middle-aged or older man with whom one is not acquainted.

huff
HELP!
Ya... What happened to you?
huff
huff
huff

HELP MAI-CHAN!!
kenshou ~kun.

You've forgotten about me, haven't you?

WHOOSH
kenshou-kun.
you were really sneaky,
Mai-chan!

You escaped because you only cared about yourself, right?
グニャ
<SFX: DISILLUSIONMENT>
ゴギグチャ
ゴキッ ボキ
Only cared about yourself...
Ma... Mai-chan!
kenshou, don't look!
that's obviously a fake.

that's just a lonely, wandering spirit trying to torment you for fun.
stay strong and ignore it.
Murakami-san.
ガッ
ギュ
SQUEEZE
Let's go and look for the real Mai-chan.

You want to go to Osaka with Maki-chan NOW?
Of course it's not okay!!
It'll be impossible for you to return today!!
I beg you,
cough
cough
We'll stay overnight at my old house.
It is not okay to stay overnight! What are you thinking!
!!
what?
Ahem... Your affair with the nurse...
it's a secret, isn't it? Doctor~

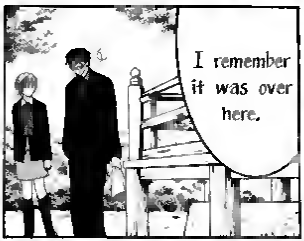
Urgh! I'm going to throw up again...
How come I see spirits even when my eyes are closed...

SQUEEZE

You're already upset about your own situation and now you have to worry about me as well.
I'm really sorry, Maki-chan.

ゴトン
ゴトン
ゴトン
ゴトン
Shin Osaka
Shin Osaka
We were next-door neighbors and went to the same school from kindergarten on.
Mai-chan and I were really close when we were kids.
We played and hung around together all the time.

Please keep going...
Ahh... so exhausting...


I remember it was over here.

This shrine hasn't changed at all.

Mai-chan isn't here.

...Even though this happened when I was a kid,
I'm surprised that I had forgotten what she looked like.

Mai-chan was murdered by some stranger...
I'll never forgive the murderer.
I couldn't forgive myself either, for not being able to protect her.
That's why I became a policeman.
Murakami-san...
!
Kenshou-kun?
It can't be! Are you Murakami Kenshou -kun?

Auntie, you came back here?
I ran away before because I was so heartbroken,
but it was the same wherever I went.
Eventually, I thought I might as well return here.
After all, it happened 20 years ago.
You've grown up.
TAP
TAP
!!
TAP
TAP
TAP
Is that your child?
No.
?
Please excuse me for a moment.
?
Huh?

STEP
STEP
Mai-chan...?
look
look
Kii
Kenshou-kun.

Mai...
Don't turn around.
We used to play hide and seek all the time.
Hm.
What a warm voice...
My mom...
Finally decided to come back to this house
I really liked this house.
I'm so happy.

Is that so?
That's good then.
That's good...

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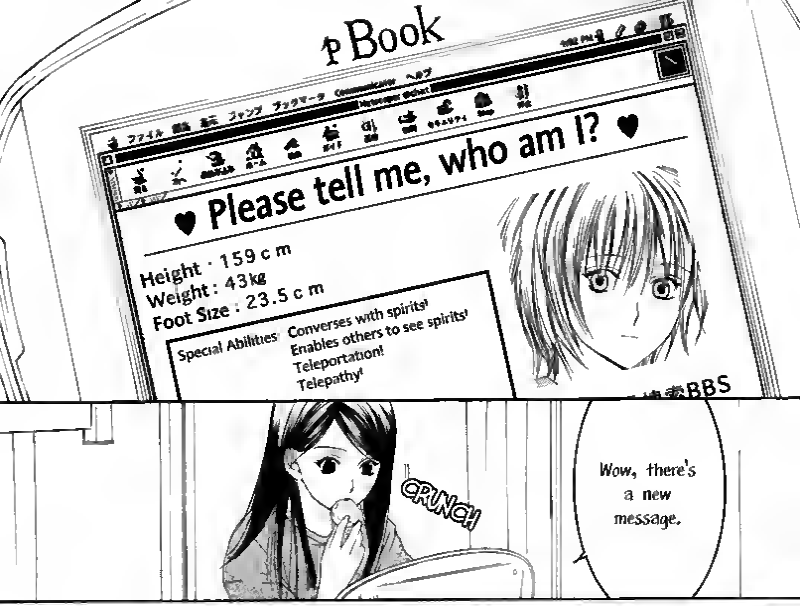

She looks really similar to my classmate in middle school.

She should be studying at an all-girls high school in the capital of Tokyo Prefecture.

They really look alike!

Let me send you a scan of her picture from my yearbook.

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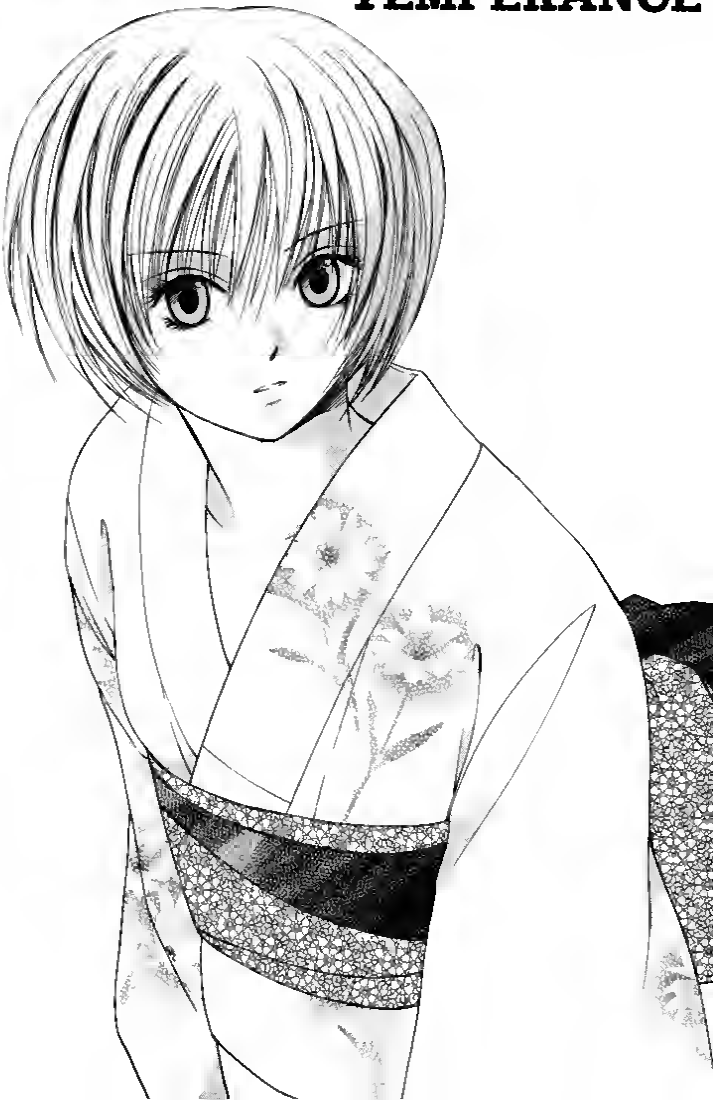
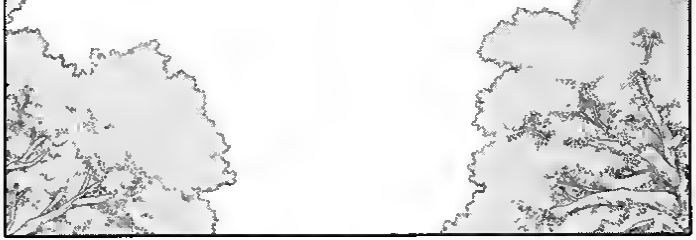
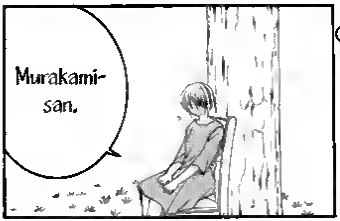
TEMPERANCE



GO!!
Got to ignore these spirits!!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
Must get there!!
Even though it's the Imperial Palace Unit,
I can't lose this job as a detective.
CLICK
I must go to work.
These spirits are nothing! I'm not afraid of them anymore!
STOMP
STOMP
I won't feel scared as long as I stay strong.

Ah, Senpai.
(JAM-PACKED)
Waaahh!
He dodged it.
He... He's already POSSESSED!




Murakami-san.

SWISH
SWISH
Maki

I was able to go back to work with no problem!!
BOWS
BOWS
Because of you, I'm not afraid of spirits anymore!!
Thank you, Maki-chan!!

SMILES
That's really good.

RUSTLE
Aren't you always wearing those hospital sandals?
I bought you a nicer pair of shoes.
Hm... so cute.
This is a thank you gift.
So cute... they suit you.
That's good. The size's perfect.
.....
BLUSH
BLUSH
Eh... Don't be embarrassed or I'll get embarrassed, too.
Embarrassed

N...next time we go out, wear these shoes.
nod
Uhn... Hm...

Uh...
Why does it feel so strange?
Uh
Are there spirits pushing down on the bed?
SWISH
My chest feels so heavy and I can't move my body at all.
!!
eeK!

I came looking for you so we could have some fun.
Hi!♥
geige
Aw, the great-grandson is so cute~~
!!!!

Where the hell did you come from?!!
GIGGLE
.....
natsu!
Hmm fufu~
That's right, both you and Maki have spirit powers.
Ser-chan, don't bother me.♥
Go outside for now.
!
ROAR
WHOOSH
!!

menacing
crackle
crackle
GLARE
Eh?
He passed out? How is that possible?
woah
EXHALE

Hmm...
Ehehe
What I said was true, wasn't it?
Sei-chan, the you back then...
What's going on? So noisy...
hahaha!
This is so funny!
I'll never forget those days!
.....
What the hell are you guys doing!!
Ah, great-grandson, you finally woke up?
I'm chatting with Sei-chan about the good old days.
laugh laugh
It's getting to be so much fun~

you saw it natsu's too powerful.
I can't beat her.
Give me another beer~
Whisper
Great-grandfather!
Whisper
How did you
You were over there just now...
What are you guys whispering about?
WA!
Maki-chan can do things like teleporting, can't she?
Do you want to know?
I do...
!
You know about Maki's true identity?

Maki-chan and I...
...are not human beings.

We are living spirits.

ゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴ
My heart is already prepared.
We are different from dead spirits;
we are spirits who are actually still alive.
We are called "Elementaries".*
The new spirit changes into living matter and becomes a completely separate and independent entity.
We are born when a living person's soul, for some reason, splits into two or more forms.
We are more like duplicates, replications, or doppelgangers.**
Even though my heart was prepared
During the last moments of life, a person's desire to live can unintentionally create a replication.
but most cases involve a sudden life-threatening accident.
People with exceptional spirit power can intentionally replicate themselves,

*note Elementaries are earth bound Spirits who are still somehow human (air sylphs water undines, fire salamanders, earth gnomes)

**note a doppelganger (double walker' in German) is a shadow self that accompanies every human, and only its owner can see it

STEP
IMPERIAL AGENTS
STEP
STEP
I guess I'll check the records for the day Maki was brought in by the police. All accidents and reported incidents....
I need to look at the police database.
Ah, Senpai!
BAM
You should be able to find her 'biological mother'.
She was born recently.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRL FELL
Shinjuku Asai ten-story building emergency staircase
WAS SAVED
At 11PM yesterday, high school student Nagase Satsuki-san (17) who attends a private school in the capital was found at the bottom of Shinjuku Asai Building's emergency stairs. Satsuki-san is in critical condition and remains unconscious at this time.
According to her classmates Satsuki-san after leaving her cram school class located on the 7th floor used the emergency stairs because the elevator was frequently out of order.
TAP
TAP

<SIGN NAGASE>

.....
長瀬

kenshou,
what are you hoping to accomplish by seeing the original of maki?
...I don't know.

natsu and maki are living spirits split from their original humans.
What natsu said could very well be true.
It explains everything.
and why she can teleport.
without hurting her
That's why the bullet passed through
The fact that no one reported her as a missing person makes perfect sense now, too.
No wonder I couldn't find out who she was no matter how I searched.
It was because the original wasn't missing.

I still can't understand!
Even though it makes sense...
Maki has a solid body!
I just can't accept that she's not human!
Her body is warm, too!
May I ask...?

Why have you come to my house?

May I ask...?

.....
It's nothing.
Never mind.
?
CREAK
?
Huh?

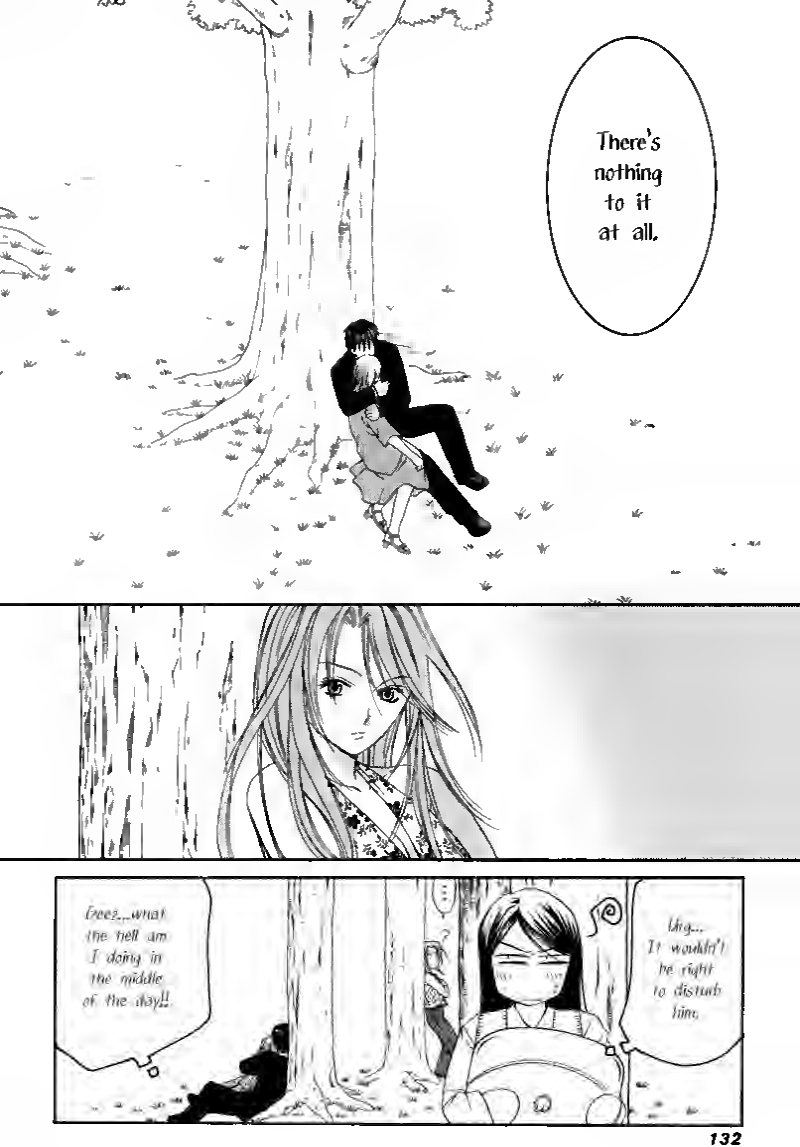
SLAM
Ah, this is Miya!
BEEP
Hello?
RIIIING
There's been a promising message left on Maki-chan's identification website!!
The person said she looks very similar to a girl named Nagase Satsuki who lives in the Tokyo Prefecture capital!
I'm supposed to get an email with a picture today. Come over so you can see it.

That girl... I just checked it out.
Huh?
No need.
No...
They do not look alike.
Miya-chan, thanks.

♪
♪
♪
Murakami -san?
FRSH
Maki.
?
Hello.
PLOP

?
Why did you come?
.....
hugs

Mu... Murakami-san?
It's nothing...
Nothing at all...


There's nothing to it at all.
Geez...what the hell am I doing in the middle of the day!!
Uhg... It wouldn't be right to disturb him.

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TWITCH
TWITCH
CHATTER
He looks bad, doesn't he?
His eyes moved a bit.
I'll get the teacher from next door.
Sensei?
Sensei, please answer.

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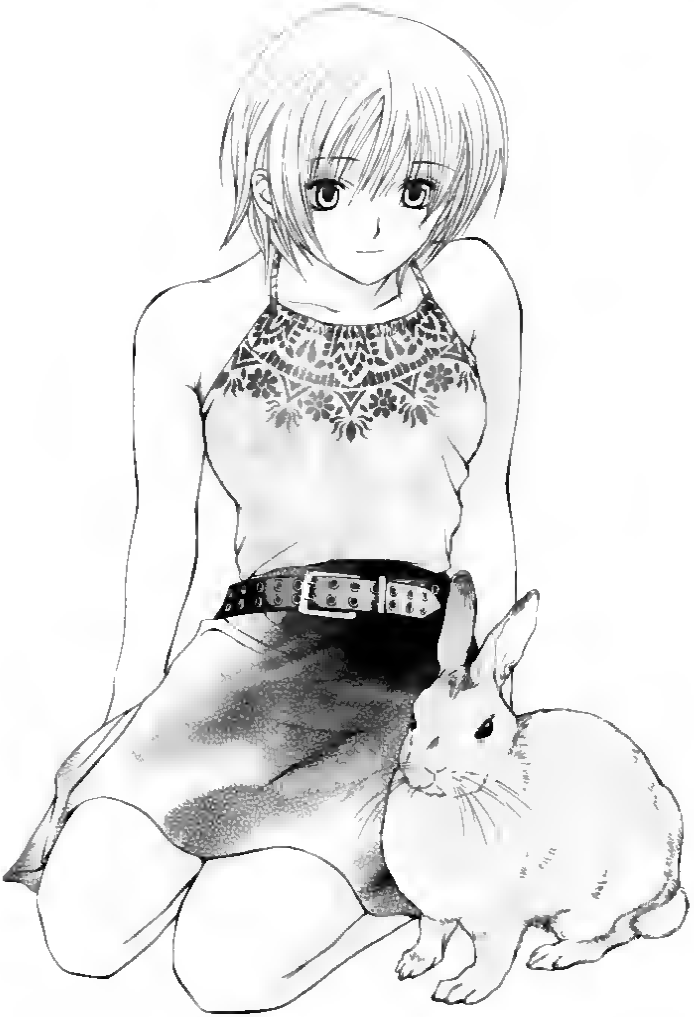
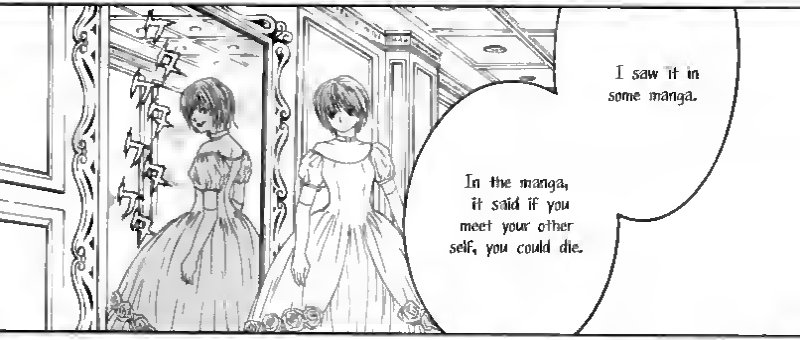
THE TOWER

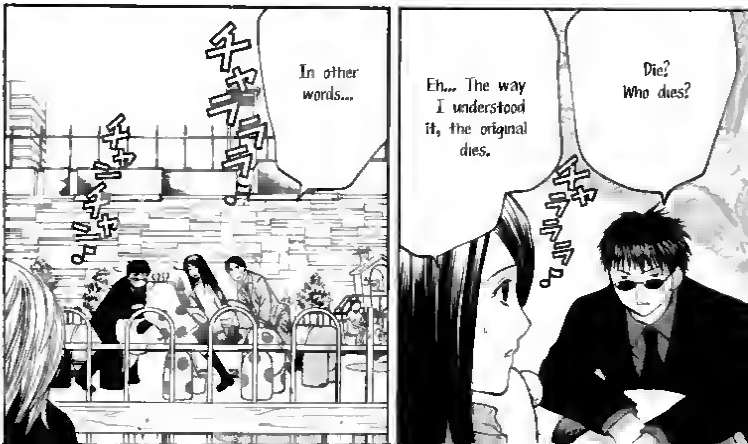


チャラン♪。
チャラララ
ララ♪。

チャラン♪。
Right.
Mommy, what is a living spirit?
So you're saying Maki-chan is a living spirit?
チャラララ♪。
Just ignore those people.

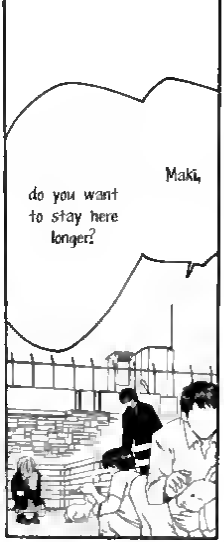
That high school student who lives in the capital of Tokyo Prefecture is the original.
Her soul split and Maki was created.
A doppelganger? I've heard of that before.
チャラ


I saw it in some manga.
In the manga, it said if you meet your other self, you could die.


Die? Who dies?
チャラ。
Eh... The way I understood it, the original dies.
In other words...
チャラ。
チャラ。

Furcat Zoo
if Maki-chan meets Nagase Satsuki,
that girl will die?
.....
GLOOM
Let's not talk about it anymore,
That's right.
Talking about it doesn't do any good.
Keep this a secret from Maki.
I'll forget I ever heard it, Senpai!

Nod


Maki,
do you want to stay here longer?

Then we can stay for a bit more.
Do you like rabbits that much?

ニニニ

Sari-chan, look. This is a duck.
Duck?
Touch it.
Daddy, ducks don't bite, right?
No, you don't need to worry about that.
ズキュ!

Maki doesn't have a home to return to...
And she has no previous identity to discover.
It's better if she doesn't know.
Maki, please let me pet the rabbit once.
She said, "No".
Just once.
Ahahn

パラパラ
Doppel-ganger...
Doppel-ganger...

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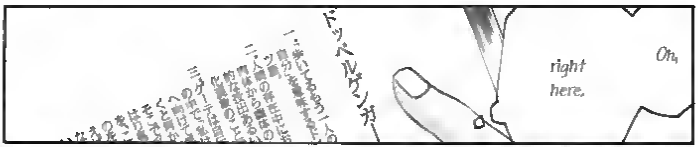
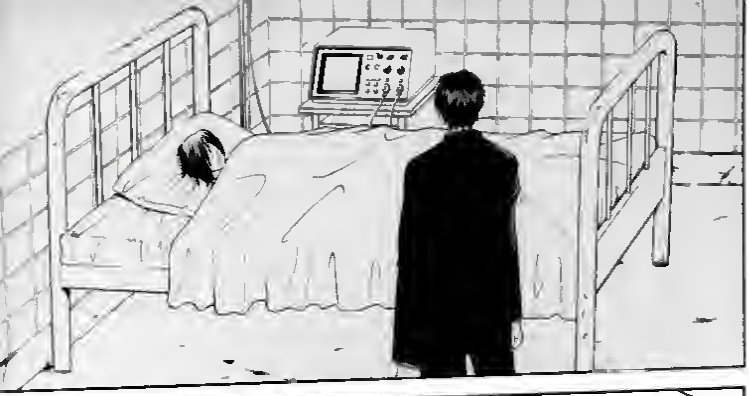

ドッペルゲンガー
Oh, right here.

What are you looking up?
Ah, I'm looking for information regarding an investigation.
Tap Tap
Doppelganger... So that's how it is.
ヒソ
ヒソ
YAHHH!

Eh?
Why is he bringing that up all of a sudden?
The young suspect in the mass murder case you're investigating could be a doppelganger.
That case will end up in our department eventually.
The investigation never discovered the boy's motive or his identity.
Actually, our department has some related material...
Why do you think that...
Is this... Natsu?
!!
STOMP
For example, this woman from the Taisho Era.

A twenty-year-old woman mysteriously died of shock
after discovering she had an other self.
Shortly before the woman died, several people reported seeing an unidentified person who looked exactly like her.
Mysteriously died...
If you meet your other self, you could die...
Doesn't look like he's going to resign.
Let's prepare a welcoming party for him! ♥
I'm going to check something out!

Sorry to bother you. Please let me go in.
Eh? But...
Please! I only need a few minutes.
Hey.
Ah, De.. Detective Munekami.
Okay, but keep it brief.
I'll have to lock the door.
Call me when you want out.
CLICK
CLICK
SLAM



He's never regained consciousness.

I will...
consume her.

Is he a doppelganger just like Maki?
This murderer that killed scores of people...
poke
pinch
No matter how I look at it, he seems like an ordinary teenager. It's so strange that I can't tell if he is a spirit.
Leave this place immediately!! quickly!!
Great-grandfather?
kenshou!!
This is a solid body...and it's warm... None of this makes any sense.

Eh? What?
It's extremely dangerous here! Leave now!
he is coming!
Who is "HE"?
You should run.

How did he just...
Ah...?
His soul... I didn't completely consume it.
I left a little for him

STEP
STEP
I wanted him to be able to see his body act on its own.
And to be able to see himself murdering people,
one after another.
I detest him
He unfairly created me, made me into a living spirit...
A cruel and cold existence.

!!
Isn't that right?

He doesn't understand at all, how difficult it was before I discovered I was not human...
And how I felt after I discovered what I really was.
kenshou!!
kenshou! escape quickly.
But you should be a bit better...
at understanding my feelings, right?

Lying on the bed... Is that the original?
ズズ
Cast into this world without any memories at all...
ズズズ
ズズ
Everyone treated me like some kind of demon. They avoided me because they were afraid.
Even so, I still thought I was human.
I lived like that for several years, until I met my original.

He had two loving parents, but he didn't pay them any attention at all.
At school he slept all day and didn't study.
This kid was a real disappointment.
Truly a case of not understanding how lucky he really was.
Never gave a thought to his future...
!!

So now I go to school for him.
Take part in family activities...
And exert earnest effort while studying.
A little while back, I was getting a perfect score on every test.
Hey... Hey...

The teacher said I cheated...
So I ate his soul.

Hey!
Hey...
ペタ
ペタ
ガタ
When I consume a human soul,
my powers become greater.
Right now, there is nothing I can't do.

What's going on, Detective Murakami?!
Waahh!!
Stop!
This is not good!
Trouble in Cell 404!
Report immediately to Cell 404!
!!
Waahh

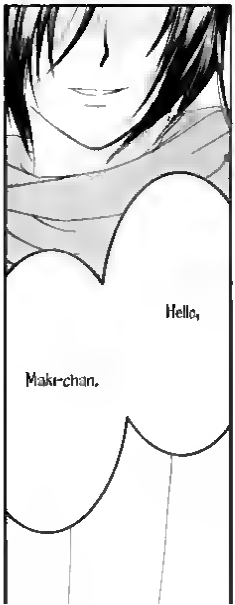
Ah...
Aaah...
Aaah...
If Maki-chan were to meet her original,
what do you think she would change into?

If she were to see an exact copy of herself
possessing all the things she is unable to have...
ignorant of her fortunate circumstances,
foolishly living her life...

How would she react?
Hm?
Detective Miwakamw!! I'm opening the door right now!!
ガチャ
Are you okay?

WA...
WAAHHH!!
You die when you meet your other self...

So that is what it means.


Hello,
Maki-chan.

I want you to meet a certain person.
I WOULD NEVER DO THAT!!
Come, step into the center.
Preparing a welcoming party for you.
TETRAGRAMMATON
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

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THAT BOY TORE HIS OWN HEART OUT!
There's no way I can believe that.
Nobody else entered the room. There was only you and the victim inside.
He did it himself!
Officer Murakami Kenshou, before I determine the cause of death, I must investigate your part in this.
Please follow me to the interrogation room.
Maki is in danger, but I can't go look for her!

What should I do?
I would like you to meet someone.
Maki!

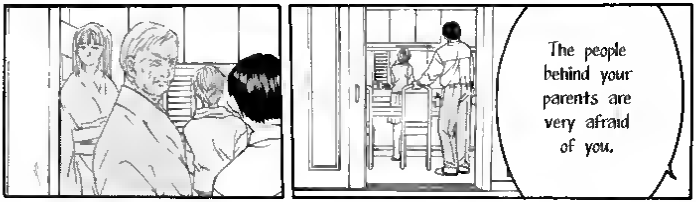
soul#12

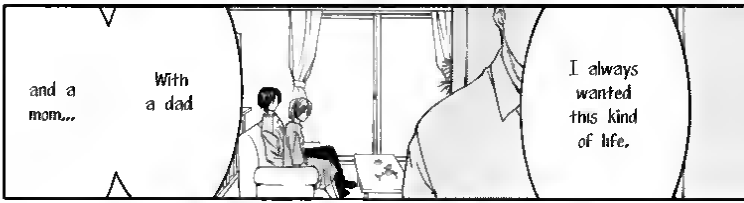
WHEEL of FORTUNE

Ah, you're back, Michiru.
Oh,
Oooh!! Quick, Father!
<SFX: GIGGLES>
Michiru brought home a girl.
His girlfriend!
Mom,
can she eat dinner with us?
Yes! Of course! ♡
<SFX: WOW WOW>
They're my parents.
Please come in.
Pa...rents?

You're called Maki-chan?
<SFX: CLICK>
Very cute. Oh, you look so cute. ♡
Ah, excuse me, I am too excited.
<SFX: TAP TAP>
Here, let me pour some tea.
Father, don't sit way over there and just ignore them.
Come over here.
Ah, right.
<SFX: SHAKE SHAKE>
Mom is over-excited.
Please help yourself.
Yes.
It's just that this is the first time Michiru has brought home a girl.
I'm so ashamed. I am much too excited.
Aren't my parents great?
...
I'm very proud of them, even though my dad's currently unemployed.
SCOOT
MADE
finland

Who are you?
You and the person I met at the police station are not the same. And you don't have a person behind you.


The people behind your parents are very afraid of you.


I always wanted this kind of life.
With a dad
and a mom...

Under their loving care, live...
and study...

You, too, have...
And you...
relatives...
and a family of your own.

<SFX: SLAM>
Senpai!!
Ah... Nakabayashi, you've come at the right time.
Murakami-san, please sit down.
<SFX: RATTLE>

Why are you being treated like a criminal?
I'll explain later. Nakabayashi, do me a favor.
Maki is in danger. Contact Doctor Tomochika.

<SFX: SWOOSH>
Yes, right away.
Hey, Murakami-kun.
Deputy Inspector Hashi,
Officer Taira.
You are the first person ever assigned to the Imperial Palace Unit to be accused of murder.

Senpai, Maki-chan isn't at the hospital!
I didn't do it!

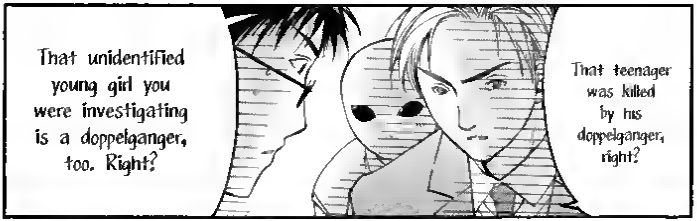
Maki... Where... is Maki...
I also called Miya-chan. She doesn't know where Maki-chan is either..

<SFX WHISPERS>
but it appears she hasn't heard me.
I've been trying that for awhile.
Why don't we use telepathy to contact her?

You seem a bit frustrated.
Damn! Aren't the autopsy results ready yet?
Not yet. You have to stay here.
I have somewhere to go!

!!
Just use this.
<SFX SHOCKED>
<SFX FWIP FWIP>
<SFX WHISPERS>

so they don't expect us to follow the rules...
No problem. They think we're all eccentrics
you can't bring weapons into the interrogation room.
Hey,


That unidentified young girl you were investigating is a doppelganger, too. Right?
That teenager was killed by his doppelganger, right?

.....
No way. I can't use this...
.....
If you want to save her,
then hurry up and go.

What's going on?
Waah!
Wahh!
Yaa!
I'm going to get killed!
<SFX: DASH>
<SFX: SWISH SWISH SWISH>
Calm down!
Wa ha ha ha ha!
Here's my chance!
Wahh!! Run!
STOP!
<SFX: SNEAK SNEAK>
<SFX: TAP TAP TAP>
<SFX: PU>
Ack, he's treating me like a good friend! I don't want that!
Good luck!
Bear with it

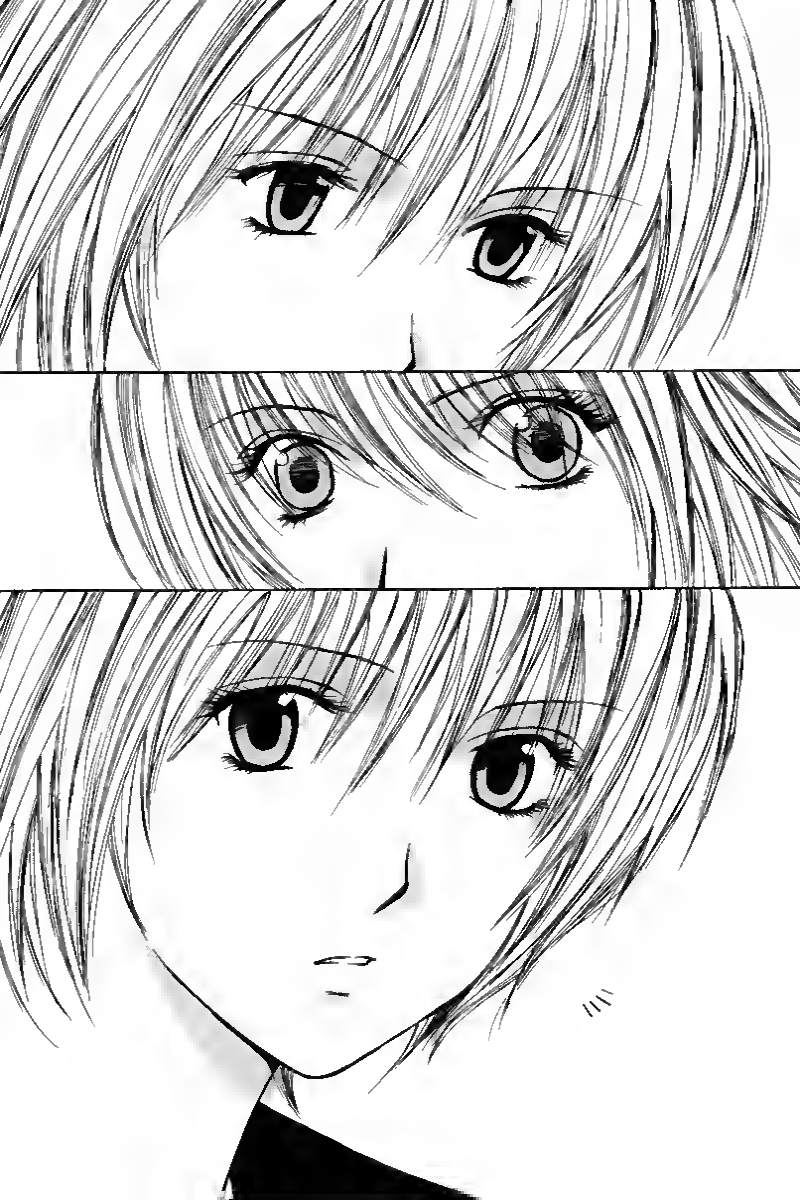
Let's go, Nakabanashi!
Yes!
Maki's at her original's house!
Well, whatever! Thanks!
Maki, please be safe!

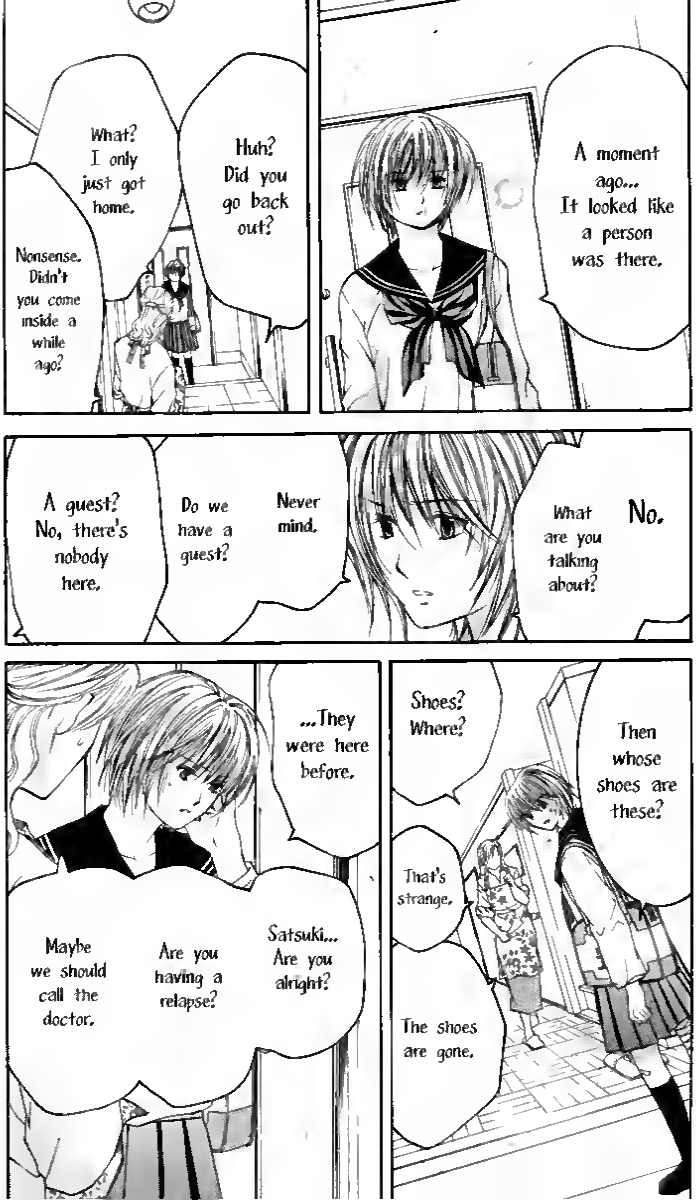
So this is my house?
That's right.
<SFX: CLICK>
カチャ
<SFX: CREAK>
キィ
<SFX: CHOP CHOP CHO CHO>
トン
トン
トン
トン

Satsuki? Are you back?
Welcome home.
トニトニ
<SFX: CHOP CHOP>
Go upstairs and change your clothes.
Dinner will be ready in a minute.
トニトニ
Mother?

I'm back.
ガチャ
<SFX CLICK>
My leg is all swollen.
Oh, this bandage is so annoying.

Mom?
Whose shoes are these? Is there a visitor?




A moment ago... It looked like a person was there.
Huh? Did you go back out?
What? I only just got home.
Nonsense. Didn't you come inside a while ago?
No.
What are you talking about?
Never mind.
Do we have a guest?
A guest? No, there's nobody here.
Then whose shoes are these?
Shoes? Where?
That's strange.
The shoes are gone.
...They were here before.
Satsuki... Are you alright?
Are you having a relapse?
Maybe we should call the doctor.

There's no need.
I'm fine.
Satsuki... but...
Forget it!
You're so over-protective!
Satsuki-chan, are you in pain?
I'm perfectly fine!
<SFX: SULKS>
Ah, so annoying!
Stop bothering me!
Satsuki-chan.
<SFX: RUN RUN RUN>
Satsuki.
.....
Mother.

I'm back.
!
Welcome back.

Satsuki, dinner.
Sat-suki?
...You got into an argument with Satsuki again?
Yes.

.....
Father?

Those are truly great parents.

Who is that girl?
She looks exactly like me.
She is the original. You are her copy.

You changed places with your original?
That's right.

Before, I, too, was a copy.

I killed him.
Why don't you do the same?
You can acquire everything.

My parents are so funny.
Can you hear me?
Uh huh.
When I got hurt they got so worried.
He used to act like he didn't care about me at all. But now he comes home promptly at 7 every night.
And my dad suddenly became very protective.
<SFX: SQUEEZE>
ギュッ
Eh, it's annoying. How can you say it's cute?
My dad is so gross. He even asked if we could bathe together.

BE QUIET!

DON'T SAY THAT SORT OF THING!
Ya...

aaahh!!
!!
!?
Satsuki!?
Maki!

Satsuki-chan?
Satsuki! What's wrong?
<SFX: HAMU>
What's the matter, Satsuki?
Mom! Dad!
Right over THERE!
The same face!
Another one of me!

What was that... It was so scary.
Eh?
.....
There's no one there.
Sounds like it's calmed down inside, Senpai.
I can't stand it! I want to go in!
Wahh! Wait a second, Senpai!
How would you explain it to the family?
Murakami-san...
sob sob
!!

Maki! Are you okay?
かぁっ
<SFX: GRAB>
Nods
.....
...Did you meet Nagase Satsuki?
That bastard... doing all this
I... Murakami-san,
don't have a home to return to.

<SFX: SWISH SWISH SWISH>

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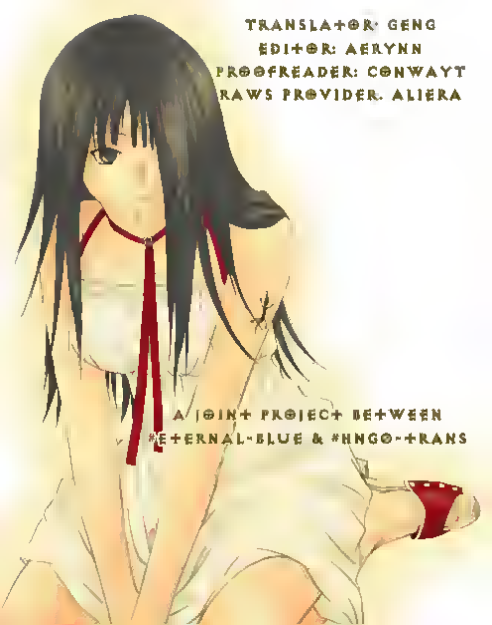
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Maki has finally learned she is not human.
Maki...
last soul
JUDGEMENT
I... I don't have a home to return to.
that one day someone from her family would come to take her home.
I think there has always been the hope, deep in Maki's heart...

last soul
JUDGEMENT

The results of the autopsy have come in.
They confirm your innocence.
I'm shocked that someone would commit suicide that way.
Tearing out his own heart...
An unidentified mass murderer and a bizarre suicide... I guess this will be another one of those unexplained cases sent to the Imperial Palace Unit.
I'll be heading back now.

BOW
!!
I want to go back.
I want to go back.
I want to go back

SURPRISED
Why are you hiding?
Murakami-san.
GETS UP
Ah, no reason.
CREAK
QUIET
Please come in.
BOWS
BOWS
Sorry about disturbing you.

QUIET
His spirit seems to be on the verge of disappearing.
The only thing he said was, "I want to go back." I guess he wants to return to his home.
Shouldn't talk about Satsuki for now...
Ahem... How should I start the conversation...?
The original, who just passed away, asked me to do him a favor.
for that young man's address.
Ah, I wanted to ask you
RATTLE

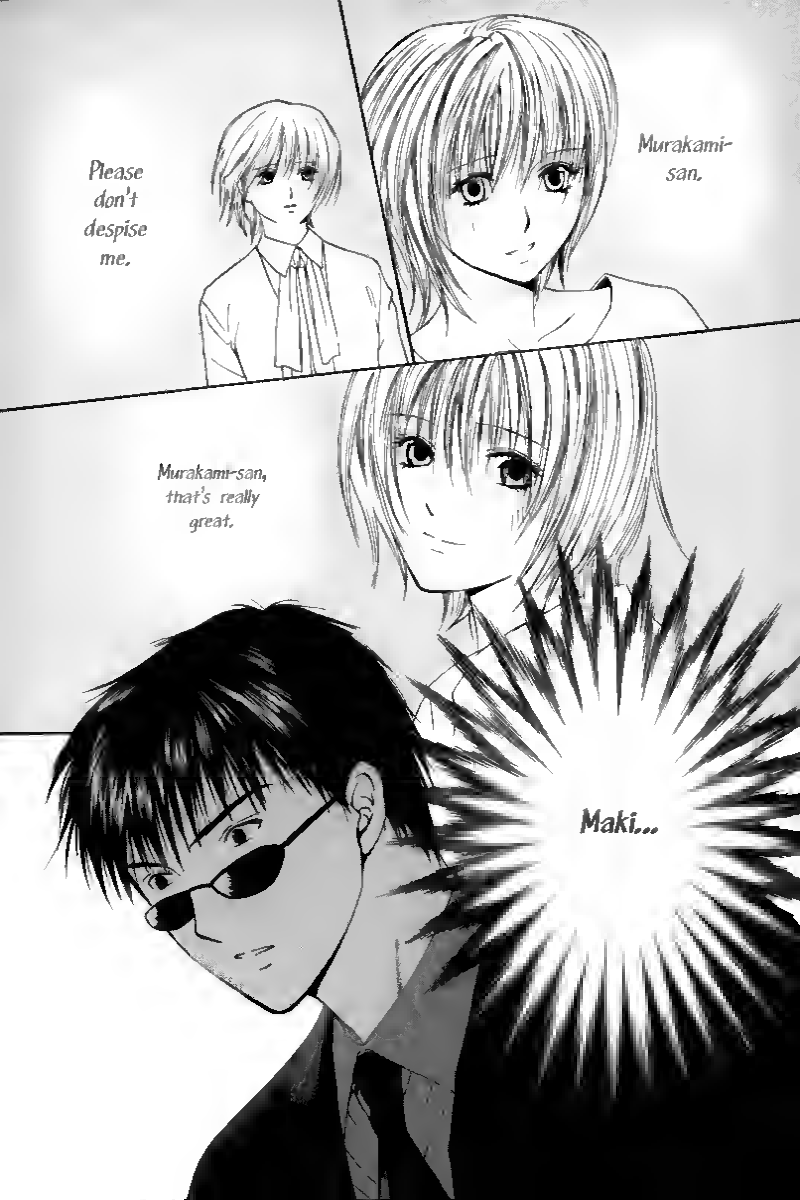
He's terrifying.
If you go, you will probably be murdered.
But that frightening person has already replaced him...
It's still unbelievable that you weren't killed last time.
he has already become n evil spirit.
It would be very dangerous to encounter him again.
I'll be murdered?
...n 50% chance that you will...
But if I don't go, that boy's corpse won't be able to return home.
I didn't ask you to protect me!
It is very likely you will be killed if you do that. I don't think I can protect you.
I want to find a way to inform his parents about his death.

how can you talk to your ancestor like that?
How the hell can you be considered a guardian spirit if you can't even protect me!
there is a saying that goes "doing less is better than doing more if there's no point in doing it at all."
Then let me go.
?
NO WAY! What are you saying? That would be really dangerous!
you might be eaten!
It doesn't matter if I get eaten...
because there is no reason for me to be alive.

Ma...
What are you saying...
Ah! Wait! Maki!
Woosh
I will be back soon.
Great-grandfather, can't you think of something?
Panic
I've got to go and stop this!
Panic
I have to stop her!
Where the hell is that kid's house.
What.. What should I do?!
.....

kenshou... this may seem very cruel, but there is no way to save maki
no matter what, maki's days are limited!
Listen to me!
What the hell are you saying...?
she will perish sooner or later

Wh...why?
Natsu consumes the souls of the people she kills, as does that youngster.
They would not have survived for so long without doing so.
But Natsu has lived for a hundred years and she hasn't even aged!
Half
Original
think about it, if a person's soul is divided into two....
however, Maki does not kill people and eat their souls.
that is why she will gradually weaken, and finally perish
will perish... She'll die?
Maki...


Please don't despise me.
Murakami-san.
Murakami-san, that's really great.
Maki...

Great-grandson, what are you trying to do?
!
Natsu!
I can lend you a hand,
if you've thought of anything.

Ding Dong
Michiru is at school.
Shouldn't you be in school, too?
Or is your school closed today?
Oh... it's Maki-chan.
Click
Um...
Maki-chan.

Oh, Michiru? Why are you here now?
What about school?
Oops, I didn't tell you that there's no school this afternoon.
CREAK
Maki-chan, welcome. Please come in.
TAP
TAP
TAP
Maki-chan, please make yourself at home.
I will go make some tea then.
What were you going to talk to my mother about, Maki-chan?

Are you planning to disrupt my life?
Have you considered that I might kill you?
I was hoping we could be companions,
but the way things are going, that seems to be impossible.
I...
need you to die.

You... Who are you?!
!!
Mother?
!?
Shake
Shake
I thought something wasn't right...
Michiru was never so obedient before...
Same face... same voice...
same manner-isms...
but you are NOT Michiru...
I can tell... I knew sometime ago...
but... this kind of thing can't happen...

Return him to me!
Who are you? Where is Michiru?
What did you do with Michiru?
I am Michiru!
What are you talking about?
Mom!
Mom!
DASH
Michiru would never threaten other people!
He would never say "Kill" and "Dead"!
Did you disguise yourself as him after you killed him?
Did you kill him, too?
Don't be like this...

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ン
ト
ン

De...
Mom...
.....
Demon...

Woosh
カシーン
Maki!!
カッチャ
キキキ
ハロー

!!
Is this your son?
Ah...
This is my Michiru....
Why...
How could such a thing happen?
Michiru...

I beg you, don't ever say it doesn't matter whether you're alive or not.
Maki.
I understand you've received a huge shock,
but still, you shouldn't be saying things like that.
I was so worried!
It was Natsu who helped me find you.
Everyone was worried about you.
You still have us!
Miya-chan, Nakabayashi, Doctor Tomochika...
and my great-grandfather and Natsu!

very worried about you, too.
I was...
Yes...

<sign> Shuei Mental Hospital (Yes, it's "Clinic" in Japanese but the term "Hospital" fits better)
集英メンタルクリニック
精神科
神経科
内科
心療内科
Ah, Maki-chan.
Murakami-senpai? Where have you been?
Why are you guys here?
Hm, we were worried about Maki-chan so we came over to take a look...
I heard you met
Nagase Satsuki face-to-face!
Are you okay?
Yes.
Er... Maki...
Silenoooooce
cough cough
…
…
オロ
オロ

Will...
Will you
marry me?

Eh... well...
it doesn't have to be marriage... adoption would work, too...
Anyway, what I want to say is that I can have the public office take care of the registration.
So...if... if you don't mind...

My great-grandfather says you will perish at some point...
But we humans are the same.
We don't know when we will die.
You are very important to me...
that's why I want to stay with you until the very last moment!

Okay.
No, please, you take care of me.
BOWS
BOWS
Please take care of me!

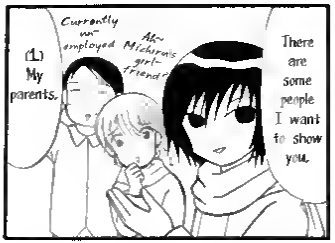
Michiru-kun.
It would cause quite a stir...
ゴォオォオ
If people noticed you crying way up here,
You are such an idiot.
Idiot?
Yes, idiot.

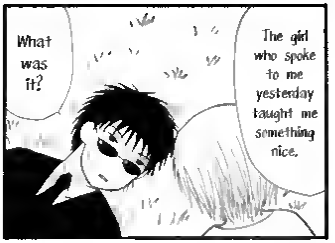
This is an awesome view.
Wow...
?
In this large world...
Isn't it better for people like us to make lives for ourselves apart from humans.
Right?

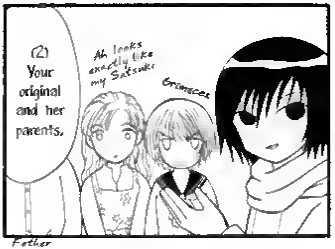
I'm very grateful to you for doing this.
Ah... it's nothing...
You've helped us so much in the past.
May I ask... Maki?
Okay, let's go.
QUICK
MAKI

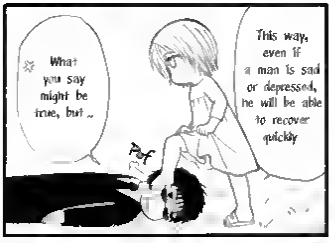
Okay!
Waah... I hate this kind of couple!!
PAFF
Your debt has increased by another 2,000,000 yen!

Takeda Rui's "Is there really such a thing?" #1









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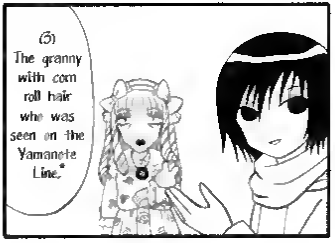
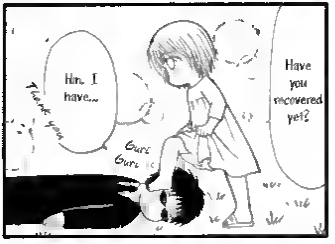
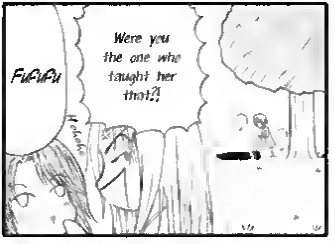
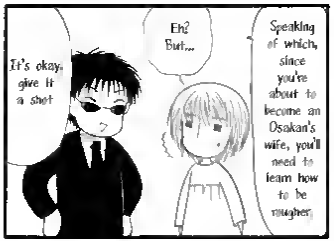
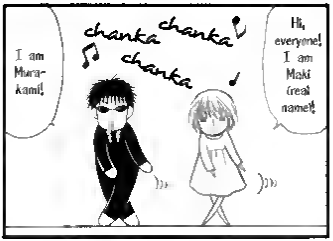


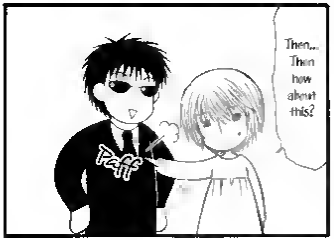


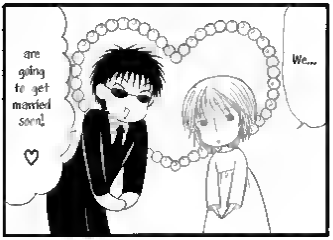


*Yamanote Line is one of Tokyo's most important commuter lines

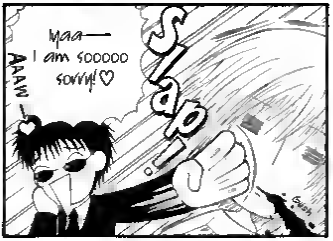

It's okay, give it a shot
Eh? But...
Speaking of which, since you're about to become an Osakan's wife, you'll need to learn how to be tougher

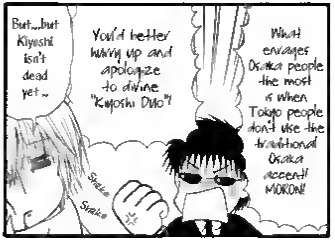

I am Murakami!
chanka chanka chanka
Hi, everyone! I am Maki (real name)!

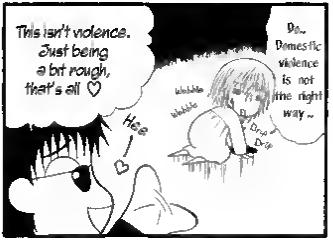

Then... Then how about this?
Taff

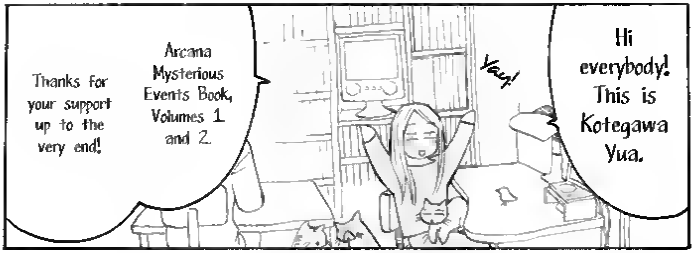

We...
are going to get married soon!

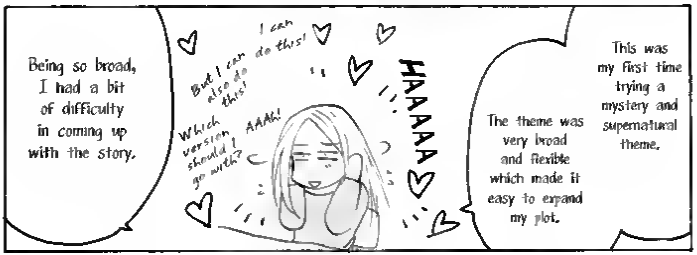
You must be joking
Bastard!
PUNCH


Slap
Maa— I am soooo sorry!♡
AAAW—


But...but Kiyoshi isn't dead yet..
You'd better hurry up and apologize to divine "Kiyoshi Dino"!
What enrages Osaka people the most is when Tokyo people don't use the traditional Osaka accent! MOKON!
Shake Shake

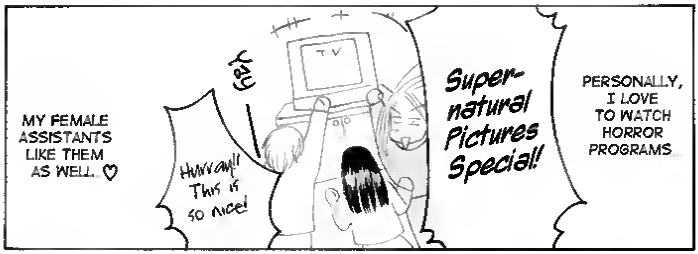

This isn't violence. Just being a bit rough, that's all ♡
Here
Do... Domestic violence is not the right way..
Shake Shake
Drag Drag

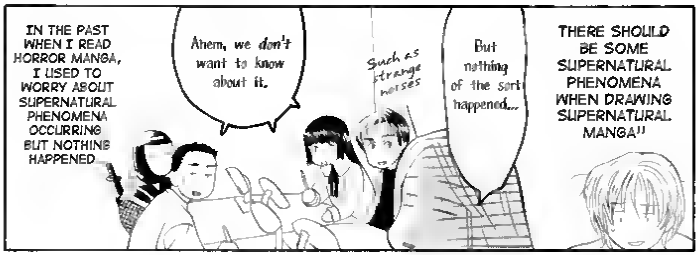

Hi everybody! This is Kotegawa Yua.
Yua!
Arcana Mysterious Events Book, Volumes 1 and 2.
Thanks for your support up to the very end!

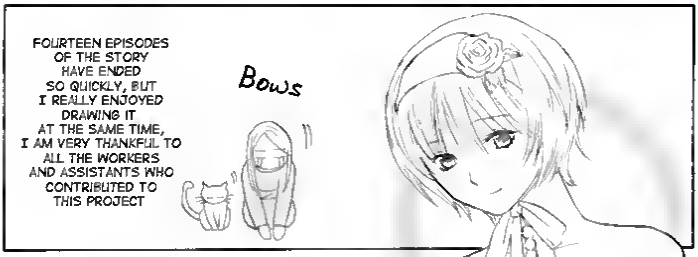

Being so broad, I had a bit of difficulty in coming up with the story.
I can do this!
But I can also do this!
Which version should I go with?
AAAA!
HAAAAA
The theme was very broad and flexible which made it easy to expand my plot.
This was my first time trying a mystery and supernatural theme.

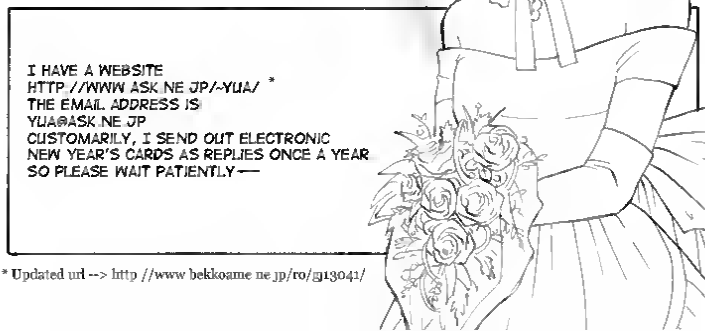
I AM VERY CAREFUL AND TRY TO AVOID MAKING MY READERS AFRAID.
Even though I tried
some of my friends still felt terrified
Such as in this scene
EVENTUALLY, I DECIDED TO HAVE MOSTLY THE SPIRITS OF THE VICTIMS IN VOLUME ONE, AND THEN INCLUDE THE SPIRITS OF THE VICTIMIZERS IN VOLUME TWO.

ALSO, IT WOULD BE HARD TO MAINTAIN THE OVERALL BALANCE.
IF I MADE THE SPIRITS AND BODIES LOOK REALLY REALISTIC, THE STYLE WOULD VARY WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE STORY.
Refreshing and simple style
Movie shooting style


MY FEMALE ASSISTANTS LIKE THEM AS WELL. ♡
Hurray!! This is so nice!
TV
Super-natural Pictures Special!
PERSONALLY, I LOVE TO WATCH HORROR PROGRAMS


IN THE PAST WHEN I READ HORROR MANGA, I USED TO WORRY ABOUT SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA OCCURRING BUT NOTHING HAPPENED
Ahem, we don't want to know about it.
Such as strange noises
But nothing of the sort happened...
THERE SHOULD BE SOME SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA WHEN DRAWING SUPERNATURAL MANGA!!


FOURTEEN EPISODES OF THE STORY HAVE ENDED SO QUICKLY, BUT I REALLY ENJOYED DRAWING IT AT THE SAME TIME, I AM VERY THANKFUL TO ALL THE WORKERS AND ASSISTANTS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT
Bows


I HAVE A WEBSITE
HTTP://WWW.ASK.NE.JP/~YUA/ *
THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS
YUA@ASK.NE.JP
CUSTOMARILY, I SEND OUT ELECTRONIC NEW YEAR'S CARDS AS REPLIES ONCE A YEAR SO PLEASE WAIT PATIENTLY——

* Updated url --> http://www.bekkoame.ne.jp/ro/g13041/

You made a pun in a bookstore by asking,

"IS THERE A BOOK CALLED ARCANA—?"

That's what the person behind you said.

Drawn by Souma Katsuki

Note about the pun: the Japanese text has "Arcana aru kana?" - knowing that Arcana is written in katakana [A Ru Ka Na] and 'aru kana' in hiragana [あるかな]

Strange phenomena in our workplace

- HI, EVERYONE! I AM TAKAHASHI WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TEA. I BEGAN RECEIVING CARE FROM EVERYONE STARTING WITH THE 3RD CHAPTER OF ARCANA.
- THE STRANGE PHENOMENA OCCURRING IN OUR WORK-PLACE IS SO CREEPY! (CRIES) THIS PLACE SEEMS TO BE A PATHWAY FOR SPIRITS. I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS... (LAUGHS) THAT'S WHY I REFUSE TO SLEEP ON THE SOFA NOWADAYS. (#1 AND #3 HAPPENED IN THE SAME PLACE!) HOWEVER, RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN NO MORE STRANGE PHENOMENA. I AM SO RELIEVED! (LAUGHS)
- BUT #1 WAS REALLY, REALLY, REALLY CREEPY! (SWEAT...)

Hello!

The uniform is a bit different because this is my personal taste! (laughs)

ACTUAL EVENT

① I SAW A SPIRIT THAT LIKES TO "GET CLOSE"(!?) TO ASSISTANT T-SAN

WAAAA

Shakes Shakes Shakes

② A FEMALE SPIRIT WITH LONG HAIR SPOKE TO ASSISTANT H-SAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

EEEK

Shakes Shakes Pant Pant

IMAGINARY PICTURE

③ YUA KOTEGAWA-SENSEI WAS SLEEPING ALONE WHEN A SPIRIT HELD DOWN HER HANDS

Doh!

IMAGINARY PICTURE

④ AT 11 O'CLOCK ONE NIGHT, WHILE EATING A SNACK OF STICKY RICE BALLS, WE SAW HUMAN FACES ON THEM!

YAAA!!

TADAM

ACTUAL EVENT

Does this count as a strange event?

Illustrated by Hatsuki Tsuyuhara

呪いのスパナ
～CURSED WRENCH～

LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER! SUPER ORIGAMI

DRAWN BY MOTEGI MAKISHI (THE ASSISTANT WHO ONLY DREW THE WRENCH)

I didn't only draw the wrench!

A Component

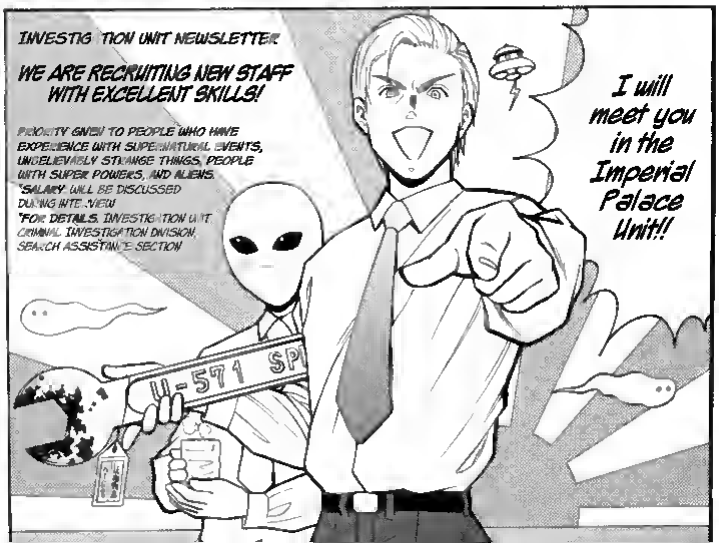
■ TAG

*police identification used to label a murder weapon as evidence

B Component

YOU'LL NEED TO APPLY GLUE TO THE SHADOWED SECTIONS!

1. PHOTOCOPY AND ENLARGE A + B TO APPROXIMATELY 5 TIMES THEIR SIZE.
2. AS SHOWN IN THE DIAGRAM TO THE LEFT, GLUE A AND B TOGETHER.
3. MAKE TWO GROUPS AND GLUE BOTH GROUPS TOGETHER, ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER.
4. PHOTOCOPY AND ENLARGE THE TAG TO APPROXIMATELY 3 TIMES ITS SIZE. PUNCH A HOLE THEN TIE IT TO THE WRENCH WITH A STRING.
5. TO SIMULATE THE BLOODSTAIN, APPLY BROWN COLOR PAINT!


INVESTIGATION UNIT NEWSLETTER
WE ARE RECRUITING NEW STAFF WITH EXCELLENT SKILLS!
PRIORITY GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SUPERNATURAL EVENTS, UNBELIEVABLY STRANGE THINGS, PEOPLE WITH SUPER POWERS, AND ALIENS.
*SALARY WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING INTERVIEW
*FOR DETAILS, INVESTIGATION UNIT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION, SEARCH ASSISTANCE SECTION
I will meet you in the Imperial Palace Unit!!
U-571 SP

Pleased to meet you!!
I am Yamane Ryo.
I was responsible for the background.
Here's an attempted drawing of
Maki-chan (temporary name).
What do you all think?
I know it doesn't really look like Maki,
but please forgive me!

Kenshou's Love Theme ♪

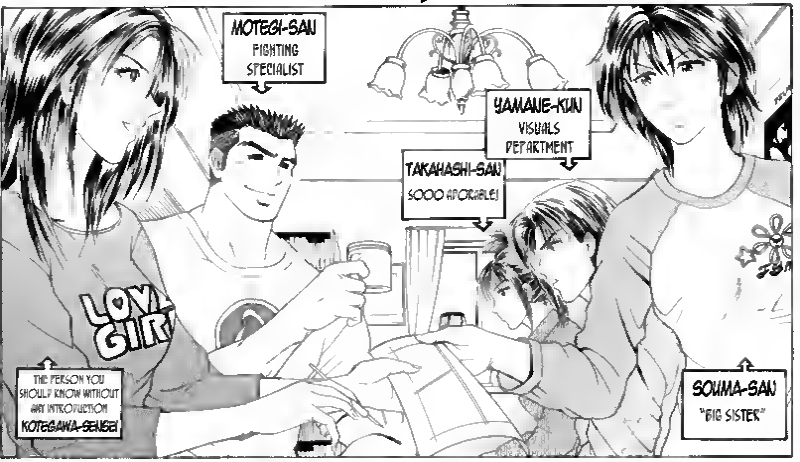
① COMING TO A MYSTERIOUS WORLD,
THERE'S A GIRL WITH IDENTICAL LOOKS
DO.. DO.. DOPPELGANGER! ♪

② AND THEN COMING TO THE STRANGE IMPERIAL PALACE UNIT, THERE'S A TEA-DRINKING ALIEN. NOT TO MENTION W..W..WRENCH IS SPINNING AROUND! ♪

③ THE PERSON WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTING ME IS AGAIN TAGGING ALONG BEHIND MY BACK TODAY..
I CAN SEE, I CAN FINALLY SEE! ♪

④ I WENT TO THE ZOO AND SAW THAT MY LOVE REALLY LIKES RABBITS
HOP HOP HOP,
I WILL HOP HOP HOP ,TOO ♡
SO PEACEFUL AND CAREFREE~
I LOVE YOU! ♡

The Scene of Our Workplace!! By Kamekiyo ♡



*Mikan = Mandarin

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橋口コウジ
髙橋紀子

ヤマネリョウ
カメ♡キヨ
茂木将史

清水 桃
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三好玄記
柳澤 潤
山崎貴之

にしかまゆきこ
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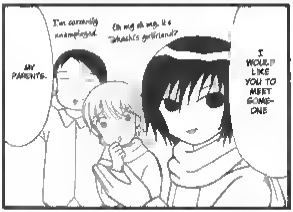

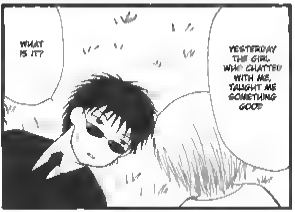

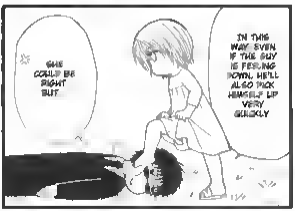

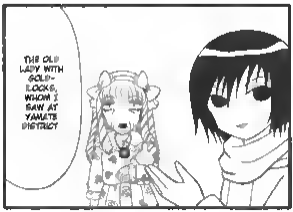

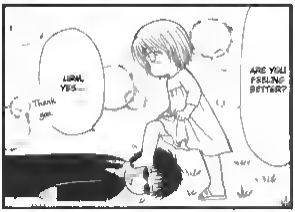

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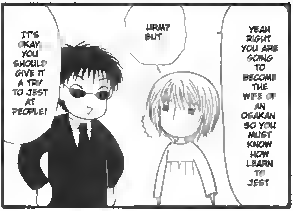
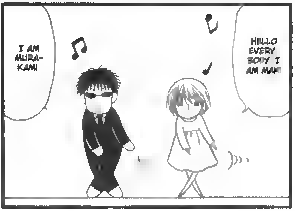
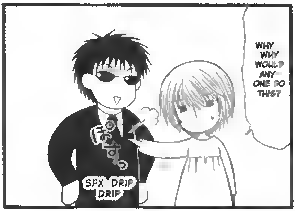
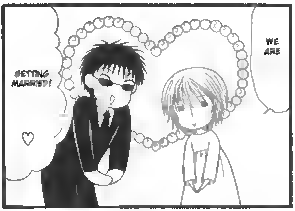
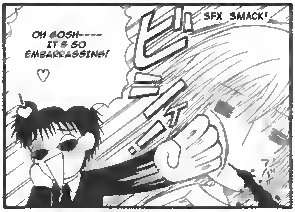
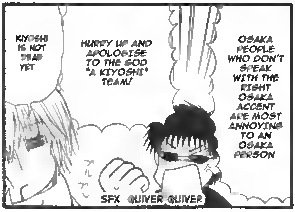

IT'S OKAY, YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A TRY TO JEST AT PEOPLE!
UHM? BUT
YEAH RIGHT YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME THE WIFE OF AN OSAKAN SO YOU MUST KNOW HOW LEARN TO JEST

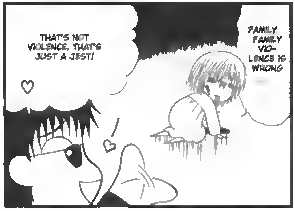


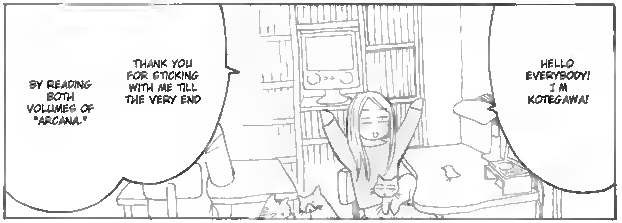


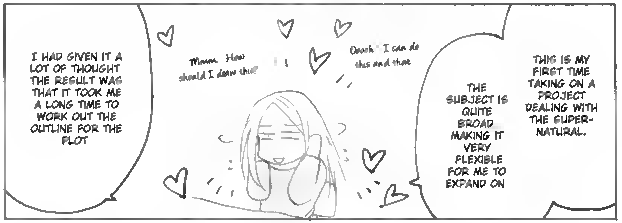


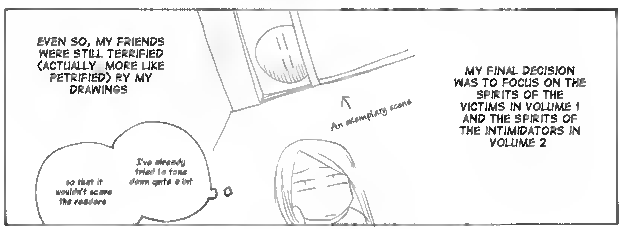


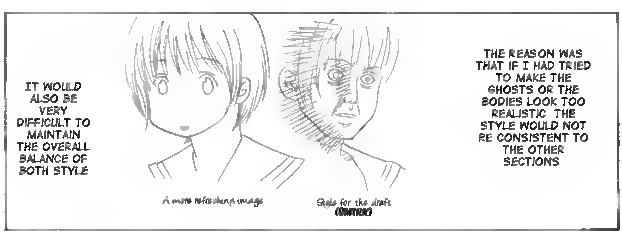

KIYOSHI IS NOT THAIR YET
HURRY UP AND APOLOGISE TO THE GOD "A KIYOSHI" TEAM!
OSAKA PEOPLE WHO DON'T SPEAK WITH THE RIGHT OSAKA ACCENT ARE MOST ANNOYING TO AN OSAKA PERSON
SFX QUIVER QUIVER

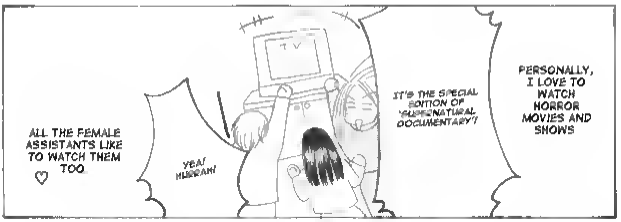


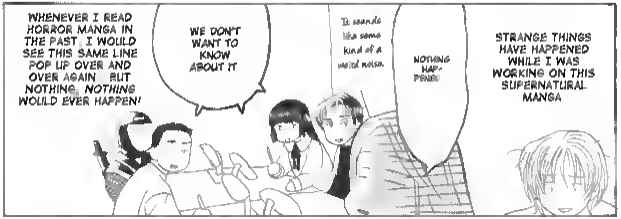

HELLO EVERYBODY! I'M KOTEGAWA!
THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH ME 'TILL THE VERY END
BY READING BOTH VOLUMES OF "ARCANA."


THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TAKING ON A PROJECT DEALING WITH THE SUPER-NATURAL.
THE SUBJECT IS QUITE BROAD MAKING IT VERY FLEXIBLE FOR ME TO EXPAND ON
Mmm. How should I draw this?
Oooh! I can do this and that
I HAD GIVEN IT A LOT OF THOUGHT THE RESULT WAS THAT IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO WORK OUT THE OUTLINE FOR THE PLOT

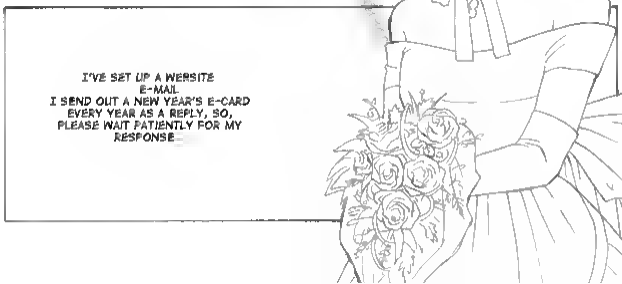

MY FINAL DECISION WAS TO FOCUS ON THE SPIRITS OF THE VICTIMS IN VOLUME 1 AND THE SPIRITS OF THE INTIMIDATORS IN VOLUME 2
An exemplary scene
I've already tried to tone down quite a bit
so that it wouldn't scare the readers
EVEN SO, MY FRIENDS WERE STILL TERRIFIED (ACTUALLY MORE LIKE PETRIFIED) BY MY DRAWINGS


THE REASON WAS THAT IF I HAD TRIED TO MAKE THE GHOSTS OR THE BODIES LOOK TOO REALISTIC THE STYLE WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT TO THE OTHER SECTIONS
Scale for the draft
A more refined image
IT WOULD ALSO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE OVERALL BALANCE OF BOTH STYLE


ALL THE FEMALE ASSISTANTS LIKE TO WATCH THEM TOO ♡
YEA! HURRAH!
TV
IT'S THE SPECIAL EDITION OF 'SUPERNATURAL DOCUMENTARY'!
PERSONALLY, I LOVE TO WATCH HORROR MOVIES AND SHOWS


WHENEVER I READ HORROR MANGA IN THE PAST, I WOULD SEE THIS SAME LINE POP UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN... BUT NOTHING... NOTHING WOULD EVER HAPPEN!
WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT
It sounds like some kind of a weird noise.
NOTHING HAP-PENED
STRANGE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WHILE I WAS WORKING ON THIS SUPERNATURAL MANGA

THIS STORY, WHICH CONTAINS ONLY 14 CHAPTERS, HAS ENDED WAY TOO SOON. NEVERTHELESS, I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING ON IT. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE MAKING OF THIS MANGA!


I'VE SET UP A WERSITE E-MAIL I SEND OUT A NEW YEAR'S E-CARD EVERY YEAR AS A REPLY, SO, PLEASE WAIT PATIENTLY FOR MY RESPONSE...

THE PERSON BEHIND YOU SAYS,

IF YOU'RE IN A BOOKSTORE, PLAY A PUN AND SAY

"IS THERE ARCANA HERE?"

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: THE JAPANESE PRONUNCIATION OF ARCANA IS THE SIMILAR TO THE WORD ARUCANA IN JAPANESE WHICH MEANS "IS THERE")

DID I SAY IT RIGHT?

DRAWN BY SOUMA KATSUKI

-HELLO EVERYONE! I'M TAKAHASHI. I'VE BEEN HERE WITH EVERYONE IN ARCANA EVER SINCE THE THIRD CHAPTER
-WEIRD EVENTS IN THE STUDIO. SO SCARY (TEAR) IT'S LIKE THE STUDIO TURNED INTO A HAUNTED HOUSE. I DON'T LIKE IT... (LAUGHS) THAT'S WHY I DON'T SLEEP ON THE SOFA ANYMORE ((1) AND (3) BOTH HAPPENED IN THE SAME PLACE). THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY SPIRIT APPEARANCES RECENTLY... I'M SO RELIEVED (LAUGHS)
- BUT THEN, WHEN (1) HAPPENED, IT WAS REALLY SCARY... (SWEAT)

Hello!

THE UNIFORM ISN'T THE SAME? THIS IS MY HOBBY (LAUGHS)

WEIRD EVENTS IN THE STUDIO

ACTUAL EVENT

(1) ASSISTANT-T SEEING A SPIRIT UP CLOSE

AAAAAH-HHHH!!!

setting them looking this way

EEEEEK!

A SPIRIT WITH LONG HAIR SPOKE WITH ASSISTANT H IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

DRAWING OF IT

AH!

(3) WHEN KOTEGAWA-SENSEI WAS SLEEPING A SPIRIT HELD HER ARMS DOWN

DRAWING OF IT

AAAAAA HHH!!!

(4) WHEN WE WERE HAVING OUR SNACK AT 11 PM ONE NIGHT, THE GLUTINOUS RICE BALLS WE WERE HAVING SUDDENLY HAD FACES

ACTUAL EVENT

does this count as a weird event?

MAKE ONE YOURSELF!
SUPER PAPER FOLDING
DRAWN BY: MOGI SHI

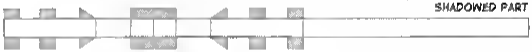
(SPANNER DESIGNER ASSISTANT)

CURSE SPANNER

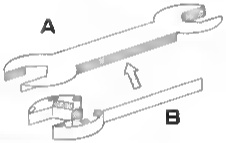
~CURSE SPANNER~

A COMPONENT

B COMPONENT



YOU SHOULD SPREAD OUT THE SHADOWED PART FOR IT TO STICK



(1) PHOTOCOPY A AND B TO AROUND 5 TIMES THE SIZE

(2) LOOK AT THE PICTURE TO THE LEFT AND THEN STICK A AND B TOGETHER

(3) FOLD THEM LIKE SHOWN AND THEN STICK THEM TOGETHER

(4) PHOTOCOPY THE TAG TO 3 TIMES ITS SIZE. MAKE A HOLE AND ATTACH A STRING TO IT

(5) FOR THE BLOOD STAINS, USE DARK BROWN DYE AND APPLY TO THE SPANNER

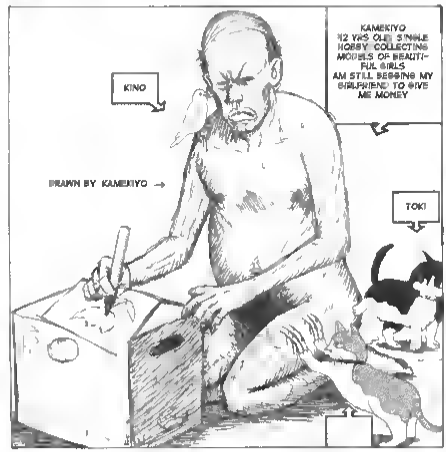
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!
I'M YAMANERO.
I DRAW BACKGROUNDS.
I TRIED TO DRAW MAKI HERE.
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK?
I KNOW IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE HER,
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

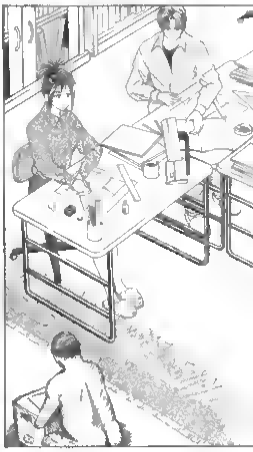
♪

KENSHOU'S THEME OF LOVE!
(1) COMING INTO A MYSTERIOUS WORLD, THERE'S A GIRL WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HER. DO... DO... DOPPELGANGER--!
(2) ALSO COMING INTO THE WEIRD OMIYA DEPARTMENT. THERE'S AN ALIEN DRINKING TEA! SPA... SPA .. SPANNER!
(3) THE PERSON THAT'S BEEN PROTECTING ME IS HERE BEHIND ME TODAY! I CAN SEE HIM! I CAN SEE! I CAN SEE!
(4) I WENT TO THE ZOO, THE PERSON THAT I LIKE LOVES RABBITS, JUMP JUMP JUMP. I ALSO JUMP JUMP JUMP IDLENESS, BRIGHT! I LOVE YOU!

♪
♡
♡

A DAY IN THE STUDIO! BY KAMEKIYO





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